

# Leckpatrick Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105539

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-08-09
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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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
2025-12-31	£132,985	£132,639	£0	1

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Avril Miller		
Douglas Patterson		
Ethel Patterson		
Gail Heywood		
Gary King		
J Boyd		
Mrs Elizabeth Keys		
Mrs Louise Buchanan		
Mrs Patricia Jones		
Peter Fulton		
Robert Orr		
Sam Clyde		

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105539

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# Accounts

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**LECKPATRICK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)**  
for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations and legacies	2	81,035	29,334		110,369	111,731
Charitable activities	3		19,042		19,042	37,513
Other trading activities	4	528			528	1075
Investment Income	5	482	2,564		3,046	6,280
Other	6	0	0		0	0
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Sale of Investments					0	0
Sale of fixed assets					0	0
Loans Received					0	0
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total Receipts</b>		82,045	50,940		132,985	156,599
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<b>Payments</b>						
Raising funds	7	595			595	600
Charitable activities	8	89,134	42,910		132,044	116,185
Investment costs						120,000
Other	9					
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
		89,729	42,910		132,639	236,785
Purchase of Investments						
Purchase of fixed assets						
Loan Repayments						
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total Payments</b>		89,729	42,910		132,639	236,785
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net receipts / (payments)		(7,684)	8,030		346	(80,186)
Transfers between funds		1,399	(1,399)			
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Net movement in funds		(6,285)	6,631		346	(80,186)
Funds brought forward		24,612	18,656		43,268	123,454
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Funds carried forward	12	18,327	25,287		43,614	43,268
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LECKPATRICK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at start of year	24,612	18,656		43,268	123,454
Net movement in funds	(6,285)	6,631		346	(80,186)
Bank and Cash at end of year	<u>18,327</u>	<u>25,287</u>	<u>-----</u>	43,614	43,268
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Deposit Accounts				0	0
Bank Current Accounts/Cash in Hand				43,616	43,268
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				43,616	43,268
				<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>
<b>Other Assets</b>					
Fixed Assets – Note 10				3,649,019	3,649,019
- Church Premises					
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment					
Investments – Note 11				126,250	131,921
Gift Aid receivable on donations					
				<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>
				3,775,269	3,780,940
				<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Loans				0	0
Other					
				<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>
				0	0
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 24 February 2026 and signed on its behalf by

[Name] *E Miller*  
[Date] 24.02.26

[Name] *Peter Mullan*  
[Date] 24-2-26

**LECKPATRICK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**31 December 2025**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities (Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

**FUND ACCOUNTING**

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation’s discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation’s general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:	67,921	17,328		85,249	82,729
Loose collections	210			210	656
Donations and gifts		6,803		6,803	10,707
Gift Aid	12,904	5,203		18,107	17,639
Legacies and bequest					
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	81,035	29,334		110,369	111,731

**LECKPATRICK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**31 December 2025**

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities		2,658		2,658	1,521
Fees from grave opening					
Fundraising events		8,802		8,802	24,851
Membership fees		4,782		4,782	4,673
Grants		2,800		2,800	6,468
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		19,042		19,042	37,513
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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Electricity Way leave	46			46	45
Fee for grace opening					300
Use of Church Hall	30			30	45
Periodicals	452			452	684
				-	-
	528			528	1075
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**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2025</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest		101		101	3,283
General Investment Fund	223	2,463	0	2,686	2,607
Rents investment properties					
Other investment income	259			259	396
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	482	2,564		3,046	6,280
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**LECKPATRICK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2025**

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Endowment Funds £</b>	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>
Insurance claims	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
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**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Endowment Funds £</b>	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>
FWO envelopes	595			595	600
Fundraising events					
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	595			595	600
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**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Endowment Funds £</b>	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>
General Assembly Assessments	6,671			6,671	6,693
Presbytery fees	922			922	829
Ministry and support staff costs	42,856			42,856	42,181
Congregational running expenses	38,685	29,698		68,383	51,670
Donations to Missions and charities		13,212		13,212	14,512
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	89,134	42,910	0	132,044	116,185
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**LECKPATRICK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2025**

**9. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Replacing main hall roof.	-----		-----		120,000
	-----	---	-----	-----	120,000

**10. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 40 Berryhill Road Artigarvan, Strabane, the Manse situated at 27 Berryhill Road Strabane and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £3,649,019.

**11. INVESTMENTS**

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

	2025 £	2024 £
General Investment Fund	126,250	131,921
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	126,250	131,921
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**LECKPATRICK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2025**

**12. 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>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
General Fund	24,612	82,045	89,729	(6,285)	1,399	18,327
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		82,045	89,729	(6,285)	1,399	18,327
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<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Property Fund	668	23,012	19,268	4544	800	5,212
United Appeal	0	7,188	7,189	(1)	1	0
British Legion Poppy Appeal	0	440	440			0
World Development	0	799	799			0
UDR Benevolent Fund	0	262	262			0
Pres. Children's Society	0	4	104		100	0
Benevolent Fund	1,586	30	0	30		1,616
Scripture Union	0	0	500		500	0
Tuesday Club	213	1,030	982	(52)	(100)	161
Bowling Club	292	545	53	92	(400)	384
PW	2,429	2,240	2,729	(789)	(300)	1,640
Mums & Tots	479	1,770	962	(292)	(1,100)	187
Boy's Brigade	7,735	4,464	2,076	1,788	(600)	9,523
Girl's Brigade	4,266	7,798	6,491	1,007	(300)	5,273
Sunday School	988	1,359	1,054	305		1,293
Child Evangelism Fellowship	0	0				
Students Bursary Fund	0					
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	18,656	50,941	42,909	6,632	(1,399)	25,289
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<b>Endowment Funds</b>						
General Investment Fund						
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<b>Total</b>	<b>43,268</b>	<b>132,986</b>	<b>132,638</b>	<b>347</b>		<b>43,616</b>
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# Accounts

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**LECKPATRICK 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	77,024	34,707		111,731	103,732
Charitable activities	3		37,513		37,513	14,436
Other trading activities	4	1,075			1,075	372
Investment Income	5	3,782	2,498		6,280	2,476
Other	6	0	0		0	0
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Sale of Investments					0	0
Sale of fixed assets					0	0
Loans Received					0	0
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total Receipts</b>		81,881	74,718		156,599	121,016
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Payments</b>						
Raising funds	7	600			600	709
Charitable activities	8	70,783	45,402		116,185	100,675
Investment costs						
Other	9		120,000		120,000	9,767
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
		71,383	165,402		236,785	111,151
Purchase of Investments						
Purchase of fixed assets						
Loan Repayments						
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total Payments</b>		71,383	165,402		236,785	111,151
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net receipts / (payments)		10,498	(90,684)		(80,186)	9,865
Transfers between funds		(73,401)	73,401			
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net movement in funds		(62,903)	(17,283)		(80,186)	9,865
Funds brought forward		87,515	35,939		123,454	113,589
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Funds carried forward	12	24,612	18,656		43,268	123,454
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LECKPATRICK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at start of year	87,515	35,939		123,454	113,589
Net movement in funds	(62,903)	(17,283)		(80,186)	9,865
Bank and Cash at end of year	24,612	18,656		43,268	123,454
	=====	=====	=====		
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Deposit Accounts				0	0
Bank Current Accounts/Cash in Hand				43,268	123,454
				-----	-----
				43,268	123,454
				=====	=====
<b>Other Assets</b>					
Fixed Assets – Note 10				3,649,019	3,475,257
- Church Premises					
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment					
Investments – Note 11				131,921	125,966
Gift Aid receivable on donations					
				3,780,940	3,601,223
				=====	=====
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Loans				0	0
Other					
				-----	-----
				0	0
				=====	=====

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 11 February 2025 and signed on its behalf by

[Name] *A. Miller*

[Date] *11.02.25*

[Name] *B. Buchanan*

[Date] *11.02.25*

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

**31 December 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**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:	62,875	19,854		82,729	81,096
Loose collections	656			656	656
Donations and gifts		10,707		10,707	6797
Gift Aid	13,493	4,146		17,639	15,183
Legacies and bequest					
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	77,024	34,707		111,731	103,732

**LECKPATRICK 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		1,521		1,521	1,517
Fees from grave opening					
Fundraising events		24,851		24,851	6,723
Membership fees		4,673		4,673	4,796
Grants		6,468		6,468	1,400
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
		37,513		37,513	14,436
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Electricity Way leave	45			45	42
Fee for grace opening	300			300	100
Use of Church Hall	45			45	230
Periodicals	684			684	
				-	
	1075			1075	372
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

**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	3,176	107		3,283	57
General Investment Fund	216	2391	0	2,607	2,054
Rents investment properties					
Other investment income	396			396	365
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	3,782	2,498		6,280	2,476
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**LECKPATRICK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2024**

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Insurance claims	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
FWO envelopes	600			600	709
Fundraising events					
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	600			600	709
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
General Assembly Assessments	6,993			6,693	6,624
Presbytery fees	829			829	806
Ministry and support staff costs	42,181			42,181	39,768
Congregational running expenses	20,780	30,890		51,670	39,550
Donations to Missions and charities		14,512		14,512	13,927
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	70,783	45,402	0	116,185	100,675
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**LECKPATRICK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2024**

**9. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Replacing main hall roof.	-----	120,000	-----	120,000	9,767
	-----	120,000	-----	120,000	9,767
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**10. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 40 Berryhill Road Artigarvan, Strabane, the Manse situated at 27 Berryhill Road Strabane and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £3,649,019.

**11. INVESTMENTS**

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

	2024 £	2023 £
General Investment Fund	131,921	125,966
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	131,921	125,966
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LECKPATRICK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2024

12. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
General Fund	87,515	81,881	71,383	(62,903)	(73,401)	24,612
		81,881	71,383	(62,903)	(73,401)	24,612
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Property Fund	20,093	42,037	137,842	(19,425)	76,380	668
United Appeal	0	7,183	7,184	(1)	1	0
British Legion Poppy Appeal	0	405	405			0
World Development	0	1,034	1,034			0
UDR Benevolent Fund	0	212	212			0
Pres. Children's Society	0	4	104		100	0
Benevolent Fund	2,586	0	1,000	(1,000)		1,586
Scripture Union	0	0	500		500	0
Tuesday Club	161	267	115	52	(100)	213
Bowling Club	280	498	36	12	(450)	292
PW	1,838	4,794	2,873	591	(1,330)	2,429
Mums & Tots	481	1,969	871	(2)	(1,100)	479
Boy's Brigade	5,496	4,567	1,528	2,239	(800)	7,735
Girl's Brigade	4,043	9,700	9,177	223	(300)	4,266
Sunday School	961	1,393	1,366	27		988
Child Evangelism Fellowship	0	0	500		500	0
Students Bursary Fund	0	655	655			0
	35,939	74,718	165,402	(17,284)	73,401	18,656
<b>Endowment Funds</b>						
General Investment Fund						
<b>Total</b>	<b>123,454</b>	<b>156,599</b>	<b>236,785</b>	<b>(80,187)</b>		<b>43,268</b>

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# Annual report

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

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105539)**

**LECKPATRICK 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 2024 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Leckpatrick congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
40 Berryhill Road, Artigarvan, Strabane, Co. Tyrone, BT82 0HN

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105539)

**CHARITY TRUSTEES**

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

Rev. R N Orr	Mrs E.W. Patterson
Mr D.J. Patterson	Mr G King
Mr S Clyde	Mrs A Miller
Mrs G Heywood	Mr J Boyd
Mr P Fulton	Mrs P Jones
Mrs L Buchanan	Mrs E Keys

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister	Rev. R N Orr
Clerk of Session	Mr S Clyde
Treasurer	Mr S Clyde

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Mrs Ashlene Henderson, 11 Millhaven, Sion Mills, Co. Tyrone BT82 9FG

**BANKERS**

Ulster Bank, 29 Abercorn Square, Strabane, Co. Tyrone, BT82 8AL

**SOLICITORS**

Babington, 74 Railway Street, Strabane, Co. Tyrone, BT82 8EQ

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

**STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

**The Kirk Session**

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held at least 4 times 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. Leckpatrick congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Derry and Donegal Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

## **LECKPATRICK 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 in the month of June for worship and to conduct its business. It is constituted on a Wednesday, and then closed on the Saturday afternoon. 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.

Leckpatrick congregation of the Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregation's mission purpose is to exist to see Jesus' name glorified in all we do. We want to tell others about God's transforming gift of salvation through our preaching and in the demonstration of the loving welcome that Jesus had towards others. We are committed to encouraging everyone to grow deeper in their faith and to demonstrate that in their homes, in their places of work and throughout the community.

*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*
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- **LECKPATRICK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**
- **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**
- *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 Lords Supper is observed normally on two or three 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, a weekly prayer meeting and has a wide range of organisations including

- Sunday School
- Mums and Tots
- P.W. (Presbyterian Women)
- Tuesday Club
- Bowling Club
- Girls Brigade
- Boys Brigade

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Worship and prayer**

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.30am (10.30am during July and August). We now have a combined service with our linked congregation of Donagheady over the summer months, alternating July and August. During the week the Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at Sacraments of Baptism, we gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2024 there were 254 communicant members and 164 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship was 111, the same as in 2023.

### **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 by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors.

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

### **Mission and outreach**

At a local level the congregation works locally through the organisations of the church in outreach to the community. Many of those attending the organisations come from outside our church fellowship with Mums and Tots continuing to reach out to the wider community, to those of faith and no faith. It has been a safe place for Parents to come and share their experiences and we have worked alongside the local Nursery school to try and support its intake. The Tuesday Club's programme of guest speakers on topics relevant to the health and welfare of the members has been open to the wider community to provide support and advice for those in later life. The organisations have also supported many charities overseas with some of our members going to Romania with the Smiles Foundation on a Mission Trip or by sponsoring children through Compassion UK.

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, assist 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 denominations annual World Development Appeal, and many other special appeals.

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

**Property**

During the year, general maintenance on the Church and Halls was carried out. The roof on the minor hall was insulated and the roof on the main hall was replaced and the walls insulated. The exterior of the Manse was painted.

**Organisations**

The Sunday school meets on Sunday mornings from September to May with up to 50 children attending aged from 4 to 16 years of age. Funds are raised through special collections and sponsored events such as Breakfasts and used to support children through the Presbyterian Childrens Society and Compassion UK. There are 16 volunteer leaders and helpers who take Sunday school on a rota basis.

Mums and Tots meet on a Tuesday morning from 10.00am to 12.00pm with 50 children registered. There are 10 volunteer helpers and leaders. Many of the children attending are not from our own congregation but from the surrounding area. The children, depending on age are enabled to mix together and enjoy structured playtime together while the parents or carers have the opportunity to meet with each other.

P.W. meets on the first Thursday of each month from September to April with a Saturday outing in November. There is an average attendance of 25 ladies. The group supports Presbyterian charities in Ireland and globally as well as sponsoring 2 children in Africa. Catering is provided after church funeral services.

The Tuesday Club meets once per month on the 3rd Tuesday from 2.30pm to 4.30pm from September to May with an outing at the end of the season. An average of approximately 22 retired people from the local area meet for a program of games and speakers.

The Bowling Club meet on Wednesday nights on a weekly basis from mid-September to mid-April. Membership age ranges from 8 years old upwards.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

The Girls Brigade meets weekly from September to April on a Monday from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. There are 11 girls from Nursery to P1 in Tinies, 32 girls from P2 to P4 in Explorers, 18 girls from P5 to P7 in Juniors, 13 girls from year 8 to year 10 in Seniors and 7 girls from year 11 to year 14 in Brigadiers, a total of 81. Approximately 60% are not from our congregation but from the local area. There are 13 volunteer leaders and helpers. Funds are raised through membership fees and fund-raising activities such as quiz sheets. Several local and International Charities are supported each year.

The Boys Brigade meet each Tuesday from September to April, the Anchor Boys and Junior Section from 6.30pm to 8.00pm and the Company Section from 7.30pm to 9.15pm with 7 volunteer leaders and helpers. There are a total of 31 boys between Anchor Boys, Junior Section and the Company Section. Funds are raised through membership fees and special collections and donations. Donations are made to charity.

**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.

## **LECKPATRICK 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, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of notice boards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

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

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

The Kirk Session has had regard to the Charity Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

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

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 151 contributing families during the year (153 in previous year, 2023) donating a total of £62,875, (£64,959 in previous year, 2023).

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £156,599, compared to £121,017 in the previous year. The income was boosted by fund raising events to pay for the new roof on the main Church Hall.

Total expenditure increased from £111,152 in 2023 to £236,785 in 2024. The increased expenditure was due to the cost of replacing the main Church Hall roof and improving the insulation in both halls.

**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 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 11th February 2025 and signed on its behalf by

[Name] *A Miller*

[Date] *11.02.25*

[Name] *K Buchanan*

[Date] *11.02.25*

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105539

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# Annual return

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

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 19.

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

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

Name: *A Henderson* (ASHLENE HENDERSON)

Treasurer Sion Mills Presbyterian Church

Address:

11 Millhaven, Sion Mills, Co. Tyrone BT82 9FG

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105539

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# Accounts

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

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations and legacies	2	77,897	25,835		103,732	95,842
Charitable activities	3		14,436		14,436	7,755
Other trading activities	4	372			372	663
Investment Income	5	1,924	552		2,476	2,249
Other	6	0	0		0	0
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Sale of Investments					0	0
Sale of fixed assets					0	0
Loans Received					0	0
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total Receipts</b>		80,193	40,823		121,016	106,509
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Payments</b>						
Raising funds	7	709			709	731
Charitable activities	8	71,443	29,232		100,675	74,037
Investment costs						
Other	9	9,767			9,767	23,899
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		81,919	29,232		111,151	98,667
Purchase of Investments						
Purchase of fixed assets						
Loan Repayments						
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total Payments</b>		81,919	29,232		111,151	98,667
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Net receipts / (payments)		(1,726)	11,591		9,865	7,842
Transfers between funds		1,300	(1,300)			
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net movement in funds		(426)	10,291		9,865	7,842
Funds brought forward		87,941	25,648		113,589	105,747
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Funds carried forward	12	87,515	35,939		123,454	113,589
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LECKPATRICK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at start of year	87,941	25,648		113,589	105,747
Net movement in funds	(426)	10,291		9,865	7,842
Bank and Cash at end of year	87,515	35,939		123,454	113,589
	=====	=====	=====		
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Deposit Accounts				0	0
Bank Current Accounts/Cash in Hand				123,454	113,589
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				123,454	113,589
				=====	=====
<b>Other Assets</b>					
Fixed Assets – Note 10				3,475,257	3,232,797
- Church Premises					
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment					
Investments – Note 11				125,966	115,512
Gift Aid receivable on donations					
				3,601,223	3,348,309
				=====	=====
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Loans				0	0
Other				-----	-----
				0	0
				=====	=====

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 20 February 2024 and signed on its behalf by

[Name] *Gail Heywood*  
 [Date] *20/2/24*

[Name] *A. Patterson*  
 [Date] *20/2/24*

**LECKPATRICK 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 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 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:	64,959	16,137		81,096	70,969
Loose collections	656			656	422
Donations and gifts		6,797		6,797	9,157
Gift Aid	12,282	2,901		15,183	15,293
Legacies and bequest					
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	<b>77,897</b>	<b>25,835</b>		<b>103,732</b>	<b>95,841</b>

**LECKPATRICK 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		1,517		1,517	1,337
Fees from grave opening					
Fundraising events		6,723		6,723	1,180
Membership fees		4,796		4,796	3,838
Grants		1,400		1,400	1,400
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		14,436		14,436	7,755
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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>
	£	£	£	£	£
Electricity Way leave	42			42	34
Fee for grace opening	100			100	599
Use of Church & Hall	230			230	30
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	372			372	663
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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		57		57	7
General Investment Fund	1,559	495	0	2,054	2,212
Rents investment properties					
Other investment income	365			365	30
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	1,924	552		2,476	2,249
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**LECKPATRICK 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>
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
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**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	709			709	731
Fundraising events					
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	709			709	731
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**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	6,624			6,624	6,520
Presbytery fees	806			806	795
Ministry and support staff costs	39,768			39,768	13,631
Congregational running expenses	24,245	15,305		39,550	37,600
Donations to Missions and charities		13,927		13,927	15,491
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	71,443	29,232	0	100,675	74,037
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**LECKPATRICK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**9. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Manse kitchen & garage roof	9,767			9,767	23,899
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	9,767			9,767	23,899
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**10. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 40 Berryhill Road Artigarvan, Strabane, the Manse situated at 27 Berryhill Road Strabane and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £3,475,257

**11. INVESTMENTS**

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

	2023 £	2022 £
General Investment Fund	125,966	115,512
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	125,966	115,512
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**LECKPATRICK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**12. 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>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
General Fund	87,941	80,193	81,919	(426)	1,300	87,515
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	87,941	80,193	81,919	(426)	1,300	87,515
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<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Property Fund	13,555	14,265	7,727	6,538		20,093
United Appeal	0	8,134	8,134			0
British Legion Poppy Appeal	0	331	331			0
World Development	0	822	822			0
UDR Benevolent Fund	0	231	231			0
Pres. Children's Society	0	3	103		100	0
Benevolent Fund	2,586	0	0			2,586
Scripture Union	0	0	500		500	0
Tuesday Club	288	371	398	(127)	(100)	161
Bowling Club	412	268	0	(132)	(400)	280
PW	473	3,817	2,152	1,365	(300)	1,838
Mums & Tots	414	1,878	1,511	67	(300)	481
Boy's Brigade	3,808	4,159	1,971	1,688	(500)	5,496
Girl's Brigade	2,851	5,376	3,884	1,192	(300)	4,043
Sunday School	1261	1,066	1,366	(300)		961
Smiles Foundation	0	0	0			0
Students Bursary Fund	0	103	103			0
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	25,648	40,824	29,233	10,291	(1,300)	35,939
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<b>Endowment Funds</b>						
General Investment Fund						
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<b>Total</b>	<b>113,589</b>	<b>121,017</b>	<b>111,152</b>	<b>9,865</b>		<b>123,454</b>
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**Leckpatrick Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105539

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# Annual report

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

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105539)**

## **LECKPATRICK 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**

Leckpatrick congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
40 Berryhill Road, Artigarvan, Strabane, Co. Tyrone, BT82 0HN

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### **CHARITY TRUSTEES**

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

Rev. R N Orr  
Mr D.J. Patterson  
Mr S Clyde  
Mrs G Heywood  
Mr P Fulton

Mrs E.W. Patterson  
Mr G King  
Mrs A Miller  
Mr J Boyd

### **PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister  
Clerk of Session  
Treasurer

Rev. R N Orr  
Mr S Clyde  
Mr S Clyde

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Mrs Ashlene Henderson, 11 Millhaven, Sion Mills, Co. Tyrone BT82 9FG

### **BANKERS**

Ulster Bank, 29 Abercorn Square, Strabane, Co. Tyrone, BT82 8AL

### **SOLICITORS**

Babington, 74 Railway Street, Strabane, Co. Tyrone, BT82 8EQ

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### **STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **The Kirk Session**

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held at least 4 times 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. Leckpatrick congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Derry and Donegal Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

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### **The General Assembly**

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administration and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly is normally constituted in the month of June for worship and to conduct its business. It is constituted on a Wednesday, and then closed on the Saturday afternoon. 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.

Leckpatrick congregation of the Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregation's mission purpose is to exist to see Jesus' name glorified in all we do. We want to tell others about God's transforming gift of salvation through our preaching and in the demonstration of the loving welcome that Jesus had towards others. We are committed to encouraging everyone to grow deeper in their faith and to demonstrate that in their homes, in their places of work and throughout the community.

*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*
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- *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 Lords Supper is observed normally on two or three 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

- Sunday School
- Mums and Tots
- P.W. (Presbyterian Women)
- Tuesday Club
- Bowling Club
- Girls Brigade
- Boys Brigade

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Worship and prayer**

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.30am (10.30am during July and August). We now have a combined service with our linked congregation of Donagheady over the summer months, alternating July and August. During the week the Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at Sacraments of Baptism, we gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2023 there were 261 communicant members and 177 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship was 111. This was an increase from 82 in 2022 as the impact of Covid-19 reduced.

### **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 by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors.

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### **Mission and outreach**

At a local level the congregation works locally through the organisations of the church in outreach to the community. Many of those attending the organisations come from outside our church fellowship with Mums and Tots continuing to reach out to the wider community, to those of faith and no faith. It has been a safe place for Parents to come and share their experiences and we have worked alongside the local Nursery school to try and support its intake. The Tuesday Club's programme of guest speakers from organisations such as Policing partnership, and Diabetes UK has been open to the wider community to provide support and advice for those in later life. The organisations have also supported many charities overseas with some of our members going to Romania with the Smiles Foundation on a Mission Trip or by sponsoring children through Compassion UK.

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, assist with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregation in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

The congregation also contributes to the denominations annual World Development Appeal, and many other special appeals.

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**Property**

During the year, general maintenance on the Church and Halls was carried out, the roof on the garage and kitchen at the Manse was refurbished.

**Organisations**

The Sunday school meets on Sunday mornings from September to May with up to 40 children attending aged from 4 to 16 years of age. Funds are raised through special collections and sponsored events such as Breakfasts and used to support children through the Presbyterian Childrens Society and Compassion UK. There are 16 volunteer leaders and helpers who take Sunday school on a rota basis.

Mums and Tots meet on a Tuesday morning from 10.30am to 12.30pm with 50 children registered. Babies up to 18 months of age attend weekly and older children attend on alternate weeks. There are 10 volunteer helpers and leaders. Many of the children attending are not from our own congregation but from the surrounding area. The children, depending on age are enabled to mix together and enjoy structured playtime together while the parents or carers have the opportunity to meet with each other.

P.W. meets on the first Thursday of each month from September to April with a Saturday outing in November. There is an average attendance of 25 ladies. The group supports Presbyterian charities in Ireland and globally as well as sponsoring 2 children in Africa. Catering is provided after church funeral services.

The Tuesday Club meets once per month on the 3rd Tuesday from 2.30pm to 4.30pm from September to May with an outing at the end of the season. An average of approximately 22 retired people from the local area meet for a program of games and speakers.

The Bowling Club meet on Wednesday nights on a weekly basis from mid-September to mid-April. Membership age ranges from 10 years old upwards.

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The Girls Brigade meets weekly from September to April on a Monday from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. There are 10 girls from Nursery to P1 in Tinies, 34 girls from P2 to P4 in Explorers, 21 girls from P5 to P7 in Juniors, 12 girls from year 8 to year 10 in Seniors and 7 girls from year 11 to year 14 in Brigadiers, a total of 84. 60% are not from our congregation but from the local area. There are 12 volunteer leaders and helpers. Funds are raised through membership fees and fund-raising activities such as quiz sheets. Several local and International Charities are supported each year.

The Boys Brigade meet each Tuesday from September to April, the Anchor Boys and Junior Section from 6.30pm to 8.00pm and the Company Section from 7.30pm to 9.15pm with 6 volunteer leaders and helpers. There are 18 boys aged 5 to 8 years old in the Anchor Boys, 8 boys aged 8 to 11 years old in the Junior Section and 6 boys aged 12 to 18 years old in the Company Section. Funds are raised through membership fees and special collections and donations. Donations are made to charity.

**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.

## **LECKPATRICK 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, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of notice boards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

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

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

The Kirk Session has had regard to the Charity Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 153 contributing families during the year (150 in previous year, 2022) donating a total of £64,959, (£57,946 in previous year, 2022).

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £121,017, compared to £106,509 in the previous year, when activities were starting to recover from Covid-19 restrictions.

Total expenditure increased from £98,667 in 2022 to £111,152 in 2023 as the Church and Halls returned to a more normal usage and operation after the Covid-19 restrictions and some further work was carried out at the manse.

**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 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 20th February 2024 and signed on its behalf by

[Name] *Gail Heywood*

[Name] *D. Patterson*

[Date] *20/2/24*

[Date] *20/2/24*

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105539

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# Annual return

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

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 19.

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

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

Name: *Ashlene Henderson*  
ASHLENE HENDERSON  
Treasurer Sion Mills Presbyterian Church

Address:

11 Millhaven, Sion Mills, Co. Tyrone BT82 9FG

Date: *23/2/2024*.