

Hazelbank Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105540

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-08-11
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

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

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£166,546	£172,086	£0	3

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Marshall		
Jeff Haslett		
Mr Christopher Alexander		
Mr Lyle Hunter		
Mr Peter Graham		
Mr Robert Blair		
Mr. David Kane Obe		
Mr. David Sampson		
Mr. Edward Kilgore		
Norman Black		
Rev David Brown B.D. Dip.Min		

Hazelbank Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105540

Accounts



Hazelbank Congregation
of the
Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Financial Statements

Year Ended
31st December 2025

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

NIC 105540

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	103,849	50,320		154,169	153,416
Charitable activities	3	340	5,220		5,560	4,770
Investment Income	4	3,336	2,987		6,323	6,358
Other Income	5	493	0		493	515
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Sub Total		108,019	58,527	0	166,546	165,059
Sale of Investments					0	
Sale of fixed assets					0	
Loans Received					0	
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Total Receipts		108,019	58,527	0	166,546	165,059
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Payments						
Raising funds	6	440	0		440	495
Charitable activities	7	105,097	66,513		171,610	148,075
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Sub Total		105,537	66,513	0	172,050	148,570
Purchase of Investments		36			36	46
Purchase of fixed assets					0	
Loan Repayments					0	
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Total Payments		105,573	66,513	0	172,086	148,616
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Net receipts / (payments)		2,445	(7,986)	0	(5,541)	16,443
Transfers between funds		350	(350)		0	0
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Net movement in funds		2,795	(8,336)	0	(5,541)	16,443
Funds brought forward		126,529	130,315	0	256,844	240,401
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Funds carried forward	10	129,324	121,979	0	251,303	256,844
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**HAZELBANK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

As at 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£		£	£
Funds Reconciliation						
Bank and Cash at start of year	126,529	130,315			256,844	240,401
Net movement in funds	2,795	(8,336)			(5,541)	16,443
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Bank and Cash at end of year	129,324	121,979	0		251,303	256,844
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Bank & Cash Balances						
Bank Accounts					251,061	256,645
Cash in Hand					242	199
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					251,303	256,844
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Fixed Assets – Note 8					4,049,333	4,049,332
Other Assets						
Investments – Note 9					3,254	3,218
Gift Aid receivable on donations					25,766	23,940
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					29,020	27,158
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 10-2-26 and signed on its behalf by

Name



Name

10-2-26


Date

10.2.26

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HAZELBANK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31-Dec-25

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving	81,640	33,759		115,399	113,272
Loose collections	1,721	9,537		11,259	10,116
Donations and gifts	610	390		1,000	2,046
Gift Aid	19,878	5,988		25,866	27,282
Legacies and bequest	0	646		646	700
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	103,849	50,320	0	154,169	153,416
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HAZELBANK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31-Dec-25

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	340	892		1,232	1,165
Fees from weddings and funerals	0	0		0	572
Fundraising events	0	1,293		1,293	1,244
Membership fees	0	1,635		1,635	1,789
Grants	0	1,400		1,400	0
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	340	5,220	0	5,560	4,770
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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	3,336	2,987		6,323	6,312
Other investment income	0	0		0	46
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	3,336	2,987	0	6,323	6,358
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5. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Other income	493	0		493	515
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	493	0	0	493	515
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6. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	440	0		440	459
Fundraising events	0	0		0	36
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	440	0	0	440	495
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HAZELBANK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31-Dec-25

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
General Assembly Assessments	9,428	0		9,428	19,547
Presbytery fees	636	0		636	629
Ministry and support staff costs	75,756	0		75,756	65,946
Premises Costs	13,282	0		13,282	14,418
Congregational running expenses	3,512	8,188		11,700	9,037
Repairs and Maintenance	2,134	32,175		34,308	7,148
Donations to Missions and charities	0	26,151		26,151	31,050
Governance costs	350	0		350	300
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	105,097	66,514	0	171,611	148,075
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8. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at Hazelbank Road, Coleraine and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery.

The congregation also owns the Church Manse

These have an insurance value of

	£	£
Church Premises including fixtures and fittings	3,524,073	3,524,072
Church Manse	525,260	525,260
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	4,049,333	4,049,332
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9. INVESTMENTS

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

	2025 £	2024 £
Endowment Funds		
Bequest Account	3,254	3,218
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	3,254	3,218
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HAZELBANK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31-Dec-25

10. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	126,529	108,018	105,573	2,445	350	129,324
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	126,529	108,018	105,573	2,445	350	129,324
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Restricted Funds						
Building Fund	67,724	21,891	32,175	(10,284)		57,440
Ministry Extension Fund	51,983	7,508	2,600	4,908	(500)	56,391
United Appeal	0	8,132	8,112	20		20
World Development Appeal	0	4,218	4,118	100		100
Zomba	0	1,787	1,787	0		0
EMF	0	3,806	3,806	0		0
Digging Deeper	0	326	326	0		0
Downey Family	0	2,434	2,434	0		0
Foodbank	200	210	410	(200)		0
Kathryn Lindsay (Mission Africa)	0	410	410	0		0
Students' Bursary Fund	0	67	67	0		0
Turks Work	0	370	370	0		0
Street Pastors	0	20	20	0		0
Bowling Club	451	575	223	352	(250)	553
Fit 4	118	0	0	0		118
Girls' Brigade	3,640	5,669	4,403	1,266		4,906
Mums and Toddlers	447	194	211	(17)		430
Presbyterian Women	4,817	349	4,061	(3,712)	(100)	1,005
Sunday School	935	561	980	(419)	500	1,016
				0		0
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	130,315	58,527	66,513	(7,986)	(350)	121,979
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TOTAL CASH FUNDS	256,844	166,545	172,086	(5,541)	0	251,303
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hazelbank Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 1 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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 trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2008

have not been met or

(2) to which, in my opinion, further information is required in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Olive K Wallace

Olive K Wallace ACMA, CGMA
OK Wallace Accountancy and Bookkeeping
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2 March 2026

Hazelbank Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105540

Accounts



Hazelbank Congregation
of the
Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Financial Statements

Year Ended
31st December 2024

HAZELBANK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2024

NIC 105540

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	102,504	50,912		153,416	160,704
Charitable activities	3	314	4,456		4,770	3,904
Investment Income	4	3,479	2,879		6,358	1,547
Other Income	5	515			515	700
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Sub Total		106,812	58,247	0	165,059	166,855
Sale of Investments					0	
Sale of fixed assets					0	
Loans Received					0	
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Total Receipts		106,812	58,247	0	165,059	166,855
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Payments						
Raising funds	6	459	36		495	536
Charitable activities	7	104,193	43,882		148,075	144,069
Investment costs					0	
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Sub Total		104,652	43,918	0	148,570	144,605
Purchase of Investments		46			46	
Purchase of fixed assets					0	
Loan Repayments					0	
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Total Payments		104,698	43,918	0	148,616	144,605
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Net receipts / (payments)		2,114	14,329	0	16,443	22,250
Transfers between funds		650	(650)		0	0
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Net movement in funds		2,764	13,679	0	16,443	22,250
Funds brought forward		123,765	116,636	0	240,401	218,151
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Funds carried forward	10	126,529	130,315	0	256,844	240,401
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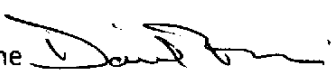
**HAZELBANK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

As at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation						
Bank and Cash at start of year	123,765	116,636		240,401		218,151
Net movement in funds	2,764	13,679		16,443		22,250
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Bank and Cash at end of year	126,529	130,315	0	256,844		240,401
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Bank & Cash Balances						
Bank Accounts				256,645		240,364
Cash in Hand				199		37
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				256,844		240,401
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Fixed Assets – Note 8				4,049,332		3,856,507
Other Assets						
Investments – Note 9				3,218		3,172
Gift Aid receivable on donations				23,940		25,365
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				27,158		28,537
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on

and signed on its behalf by

Name 

Name 

Date 28/1/25

Date 28/01/25

HAZELBANK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2024

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving	79,909	33,364		113,273	115,844
Loose collections	1,150	8,965		10,116	11,704
Donations and gifts	635	1,411		2,046	6,481
Gift Aid	20,810	6,472		27,282	26,675
Legacies and bequest	0	700		700	0
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	102,504	50,912	0	153,416	160,704
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HAZELBANK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2024

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£		£	£
Income from charitable activities	314	851			1,165	1,552
Fundraising events	0	572			572	0
Membership fees	0	1,244			1,244	1,152
Grants	0	1,789			1,789	1,200
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	314	4,456	0		4,770	3,904
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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£		£	£
Bank interest	3,433	2,879			6,312	1,547
Other investment income	46	0			46	0
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	3,479	2,879	0		6,358	1,547
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5. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£		£	£
Other income	515	0			515	700
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	515	0	0		515	700
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6. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£		£	£
FWO envelopes	459	0			459	485
Fundraising events	0	36			36	51
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	459	36	0		495	536
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HAZELBANK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2024

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	19,547	0		19,547	18,733
Presbytery fees	629	0		629	614
Ministry and support staff costs	65,946	0		65,946	62,869
Premises Costs	14,418	0		14,418	15,347
Congregational running expenses	3,300	5,736		9,036	11,507
Repairs and Maintenance	52	7,096		7,148	7,507
Donations to Missions and charities	0	31,050		31,050	27,172
Governance costs	300	0		300	320
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	104,193	43,882	0	148,075	144,069
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8. FIXED ASSETS

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These have an insurance value of

	£	£
Church Premises including fixtures and fittings	3,524,072	3,356,259
Church Manse	525,260	500,248
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	4,049,332	3,856,507
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9. INVESTMENTS

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Endowment Funds		
Bequest Account	3,218	3,172
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TOTAL INVESTMENTS	3,218	3,172
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HAZELBANK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2024

10. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	123,765	106,812	104,698	2,114	650	126,529
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	123,765	106,812	104,698	2,114	650	126,529
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Restricted Funds						
Property Fund	55,934	18,966	7,176	11,790		67,724
Ministry Extension Fund	44,559	9,012	1,088	7,924	(500)	51,983
United Appeal	0	8,914	8,914	0		0
World Development Appeal	0	3,153	3,153	0		0
Zomba	8,055	3,400	11,455	(8,055)		0
EMF	0	3,759	3,759	0		0
Child Evangelism Fellowship	0	392	392	0		0
Tearfund	0	925	925	0		0
Students Bursary Fund	0	651	651	0		0
Turks Work	0	593	593	0		0
Foodbank	0	200	0	200		200
Bowling Club	395	710	404	306	(250)	451
Fit 4	118	0	0	0		118
Girls' Brigade	3,057	4,683	3,700	983	(400)	3,640
Mums and Toddlers	348	260	161	99		447
Presbyterian Women	3,241	1,687	111	1,576		4,817
Sunday School	929	942	1,436	(494)	500	935
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	116,636	58,247	43,918	14,329	(650)	130,315
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TOTAL CASH FUNDS	240,401	165,059	148,616	16,443	0	256,844
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Hazelbank Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105540

Annual report

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

**Trustees Annual Report
For The
Year Ended 31 December 2024**

HAZELBANK 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

Hazelbank Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Hazelbank Road
Coleraine
BT51 3DY

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105540)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Rev. David Henry Brown	Mr. Christopher Harold Alexander
Mr. Edward Frederick Kilgore	Mr. Lyle Jamieson Hunter
Mrs. Rosaleen Ramsey	Mr. David James Kane OBE
Mr. Alan Hugh Marshall	Mr. Norman Samuel Black
Mr. Robert Luke Blair	Mr. Peter Philip Graham
Mr. David Sampson	Mr. Neil James Jefferson Haslett

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Rev. David Brown
Clerk of Session	Mr. David Kane OBE
Treasurer	Mr. David Sampson

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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BANKERS

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The Diamond
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SOLICITORS

**Anderson, Gillan, Barr Ltd
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County Londonderry
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HAZELBANK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

1) STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held a minimum of 5 times each year.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant on its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote.

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Hazelbank congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Coleraine & Limavady 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 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.

2) DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

Hazelbank Congregation 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.

Our Mission Purpose

Hazelbank Presbyterian Church, grounded in the scriptures, exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son by the power of the Holy Spirit; and to enable the members of His family to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world 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.*

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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.*

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3) ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on several 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/activities including;

- Sunday School
- Bible Class
- Girls' Brigade
- Hazelbank Toddlers
- 5 Alive (Indoor football for 8-12 year old's)
- Crèche
- Presbyterian Women
- Fit 4 (Ladies) (No meetings during 2024)
- Bowling Club
- Holiday Bible Club
- Men's Outreach
- Home Bible Study Groups
- Monthly Community & Congregation Drop In Coffee Morning

4) ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.am. Once a month an evening service is held which could include a Testimony from one of our members or a special theme. During the week Bible Study/House Groups provide an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer. Every other Wednesday a Prayer Meeting is held in the church hall. Everyone is welcome to attend for as long or as little as they can. We pray for our town our community and our congregation. In addition there are usually two special weeks of prayer which are well attended.

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

At 31 December 2024 there were 172 communicant members and 158 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 60.

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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 and/or District Elders.

Mission and outreach

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, which has partnership links with indigenous churches, Christian institutions and international mission agencies in more than 25 countries around the world. The Council for Global Mission is tasked with enabling the coordination and delivery of global mission and provides a supportive bridge between local congregational life and its global context.

ZOMBA Action Project

In addition Hazelbank congregation supports the Zomba Action Project along with Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council and our partner agency on the ground Emmanuel International.

Since 2005 Hazelbank has funded a wide range of life-changing projects in the Zomba area, samples of which include;

Feeding programmes during times of crop failure and extreme hunger, many of which were aimed at widows and orphans.

Supply of mosquito nets to communities to avert the risk of malaria.

Provision of shallow wells in villages to supply clean water.

Provision of bicycle ambulances to improve transport of the sick in rural areas.

Refurbishment of a local orphanage.

Education scholarships to provide disadvantaged pupils with secondary school education for 5 years

Supply of goats to villages to encourage small scale farming and food production.

Help in completing of the Chipalawe orphan project. Help in completing of a primary school at Chinimwali.

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Beekeeping projects for suitable villages have been extremely successful in the recent past and each project costs around £500 to set up. This project included the supply of equipment, bees and training. The money realized from the sale of the honey harvested from this project will be shared amongst households participating in the project. This will raise their living standards as they will be able to purchase fertilizer and boost their crop harvests next season.

Project for Harvest Offering 2021 to 2023

Following a proposal from the local Zomba Action committee the Trustees agreed to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of Hazelbank Presbyterian Church in 2023, by undertaking a special larger project, spanning over two years, which would create a building which could be identified with our church which has consistently supported the people of Zomba for almost two decades.

The idea of a 'Hazelbank Child Care Centre' would involve the provision of a new building, comprising a 2-room centre plus integral store, brick built with a cement mortar plaster, under a corrugated zinc roof. There will also be an outdoor kitchen and toilet, a well and pump and a garden, with fertilizer and seed to help provide supplementary feeding for the children. Mosquito nets will be provided to the guardians of the attending children.

Training in child care, educating pre-school children and hygiene will be provided for the Volunteers. This building will also be used for community meetings and civic activities, health clinics and agriculture meetings etc. In August 2023 three members of our congregation along with other members of the Zomba Action Committee travelled to Zomba where they officially opened the Hazelbank Child Care Centre.

2024 Harvest: Following an update from our partners in the region "Emmanuel International Malawi" a new project was announced, the "Sitima Integrated Village Project". This project aims to improve the socio-economic resilience and well-being of vulnerable households in Sitima Village. Approximately 90 households will receive "pass-on goats, providing a sustainable income source and reducing poverty levels. 90 grafted fruit trees and 90 giant bamboo seedlings to protect the environment and create potential income streams. It is also planned to build three shallow wells to ensure access to potable water for over 450 residents hence reducing waterborne diseases during the rainy season.

Haven Church Aarhus Denmark

As a church we have also partnered with the European Mission Fellowship to support a church plant in Denmark's second largest city Aarhus. Denmark is an extremely secular country, and that tendency is even stronger in big cities like Aarhus. However, the need for the gospel and the potential for church planting is great as well. Strong ties have been established with the pastor, Tobias who wants to plant and establish a strong, healthy, and biblical local church in Aarhus.

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Foodbank

Following months of discussion and planning Hazelbank joined with our close neighbours in the Elim church to set up a foodbank in partnership with the Trussell Trust. This foodbank serves the “Heights” area of our town and supplies emergency food for local people in crisis. Volunteers from both churches attended training covering a number of issues including Safeguarding and the foodbank went “live” in December 2021. Throughout 2024 the Foodbank has continued to operate and bring relief to many families in need in the area. A leaflet drop was carried out in the Heights area to make residents aware of the Foodbank and it’s also highlighted in local posts on Facebook Social Media

Samaritan’s Purse (Operation Christmas Child)

Samaritan’s Purse is an international relief and development organisation that works through local churches to proclaim and demonstrate the love of God amongst communities in Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Thousands of churches, schools and businesses across the UK take part sending shoeboxes containing child’s toys, hygiene items, school supplies and small clothing items (hats, gloves etc.). Every year our congregation fill a large number of shoeboxes which are then transported to a central location for distribution. Due to Covid restrictions in 2020 an online option was set up and now contributors can build an online shoebox by sending an electronic payment from their bank. This has proved very popular.

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

The minister and one of our elders were nominated to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, in June.

Property

The Church Property Sub-Committee regularly reviews the fabric of its suite of buildings and brings recommendations to the Church Committee for work required to the premises. The church committee undertakes preventative maintenance and repairs any damaged property or equipment on a timely basis. During the year £6,408 was spent on repairs and maintenance of our church buildings and Manse.

Organizations

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women (PW) is an organization within the Presbyterian Church in Ireland that enables, encourages and equips women to become Disciples of Christ. PW is open to women of all ages and

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stages of life were they are able to come together to grow in their faith through bible study, prayer, teaching and through growing in community together.

Girls Brigade

The Girls' Brigade Company is a Christ-centered uniformed organization for girls which aims to teach girls to seek, serve and follow Christ through craft, games, Bible study and other fun activities. Our Company meets on Thursday nights during September to March. Over forty girls are currently registered.

Hazelbank Bowling Club

Having been formed in 1973, the Hazelbank Presbyterian Church Bowling Club is the oldest recreational organization attached to Hazelbank Presbyterian Church. On average 20 - 25 members of various ages meet on Tuesday and Saturday evenings at 7.30pm in the Church Hall, and enjoy an evening's fellowship together from September through to Easter. Membership includes non-members of Hazelbank Presbyterian Church. New members of all ages are always welcome. The Club participates in the Bannside League which entails a weekly match against clubs from various Churches and Halls in the Triangle area.

Hazelbank Toddlers

Hazelbank Toddlers Group is for pre-school children, and as well as catering for the little ones, it aims to provide the opportunity for parents/carers to relax and make friends. You are very welcome to join us in the Church Hall every Thursday morning, during school term at 10:00am-11:00am.

Midweek Bible Study

Small groups meet informally in homes where, although they are studying the Bible, there is also good fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere. Each group has a slightly different 'character' but they are all the same in that everybody is made very welcome but nobody has to contribute orally to the discussions or prayer times. Not only is there an opportunity to grow in faith but a valuable element is getting to know other members of our congregation really well and developing friendships.

Men's Ministry

Our men's group meet in a local restaurant for breakfast and fellowship on the first Saturday of every month. Trips to events and attractions are also held and these are open to all men whether or not they have a connection with the church

Monthly Coffee & Buns Morning

A Drop In Coffee & Buns Morning is held on the first Saturday of every month for the local community and congregation

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Volunteers

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on committees and helping with organizations and other church activities. Currently around 68 people are involved in the various tasks.

5) 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 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 had regard to the Charity Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

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

6) FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total Income for 2024 was £165,059 (£166,855 in 2023). The congregations' main source of income is member's contributions through the weekly Freewill Offering. There were 100 households contributing during the year (104 in previous year, 2023). These figures include Gift Aid Refunds and contributions for Special Offerings.

Payments out rose slightly in 2024 to £148,570 (£144,605 in 2023). During 2024 our congregation collected and distributed a total of £31,050 to external and PCI based religious projects, a few examples include:

Digging Deeper: A local initiative partnering with the Mountsandle Christian Fellowship operating in the immediate vicinity of the church. Volunteers help householders to maintain their garden.

European Mission Fellowship, supporting a church plant in the city of Aarhus

Zomba Action Project (including the new Child Care Centre and Sitima Integrated Village project)

Tear Fund (Big Quiz Night)

The Heights Foodbank

PCI World Development Appeal

PCI United Appeal

Stand By Me (working in 11 countries rescuing children)

Turks Work (Sharing the Gospel with Turkish friends & neighbours)

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

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 congregations total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 208 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: 

Date: 11-02-25

Name: 

Date: 11.02.25

Hazelbank Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105540

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hazelbank Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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 trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2008have not been met or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, further information is required in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Olive K Wallace

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13 February 2025

Hazelbank Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105540

Accounts



Hazelbank Congregation
of the
Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Financial Statements

Year Ended
31st December 2023

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

NIC 105540

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	103,425	57,279		160,705	155,137
Charitable activities	3	370	3,534		3,904	3,642
Investment Income	4	1,456	91		1,547	7
Other Income	5	700	0		700	250
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Sub Total		105,951	60,904	0	166,855	159,036
Sale of Investments					0	
Sale of fixed assets					0	
Loans Received					0	
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Total Receipts		105,951	60,904	0	166,855	159,036
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Payments						
Raising funds	6	485	51		536	518
Charitable activities	7	101,764	42,305		144,069	146,688
Investment costs					0	
Other Expenditure	8	0	0		0	557
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Sub Total		102,249	42,356	0	144,605	147,763
Purchase of Investments					0	
Purchase of fixed assets					0	12,544
Loan Repayments					0	
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Total Payments		102,249	42,356	0	144,605	160,307
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Net receipts / (payments)		3,702	18,548	0	22,250	(1,271)
Transfers between funds		550	(550)		0	0
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Net movement in funds		4,252	17,998	0	22,250	(1,271)
Funds brought forward		119,513	98,638	0	218,151	219,422
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Funds carried forward	11	123,765	116,636	0	240,401	218,151
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HAZELBANK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
As at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	119,513	98,638		218,151	219,423
Net movement in funds	4,252	17,998		22,250	(1,272)
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Bank and Cash at end of year	123,765	116,636	0	240,401	218,151
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Accounts				240,364	218,048
Cash in Hand				37	103
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				240,401	218,151
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Fixed Assets – Note 9				3,856,507	3,587,449
Other Assets					
Investments – Note 10				3,172	3,134
Gift Aid receivable on donations				25,365	25,917
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				28,537	29,051
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 12/03/24 and signed on its behalf by

Name

Date 12/03/24

Name

Date 12/03/24

HAZELBANK 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 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis, in accordance with the provisions in The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.

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

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£		£	£
Recorded giving	81,315	34,528			115,844	117,714
Loose collections	1,363	10,343			11,705	9,955
Donations and gifts	930	5,551			6,481	1,736
Gift Aid	19,818	6,857			26,675	25,732
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	103,425	57,279	0		160,705	155,137
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31 December 2023

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£		£	£
Income from charitable activities	370	1,182			1,552	1,532
Membership fees	0	1,152			1,152	610
Grants	0	1,200			1,200	1,500
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	370	3,534	0		3,904	3,642
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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£		£	£
Bank interest	1,456	91			1,547	7
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	1,456	91	0		1,547	7
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5. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	
Other income	700	0			700	250
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	700	0	0		700	250
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2023

6. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£		£	£
FWO envelopes	485	0			485	
Fundraising events	0	51			51	518
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	485	51	0		536	518
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7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£		£	£
General Assembly Assessments	18,733	0			18,733	18,897
Presbytery fees	614	0			614	606
Ministry and support staff costs	62,869	0			62,869	59,888
Premises Costs	15,347	0			15,347	12,415
Congregational running expenses	3,881	7,626			11,507	9,223
Repairs and Maintenance	0	7,507			7,507	12,655
Donations to Missions and charities	0	27,172			27,172	32,804
Governance costs	320	0			320	200
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	101,764	42,305	0		144,069	146,688
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HAZELBANK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2023

8. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestrict ed Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowmen t Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Other Expenditure	0	0		0	557
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	0	0	0	0	557
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9. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at Hazelbank Road, Coleraine and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery.

The congregation also owns the Church Manse

These have an insurance value of

	£	£
Church Premises including fixtures and fittings	3,356,259	3,122,102
Church Manse	500,248	465,347
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	3,856,507	3,587,449
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10. INVESTMENTS

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

	2,023	2,022
	£	£
Endowment Funds		
General Investment Fund		
Bequest Account	3,172	3,134
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TOTAL INVESTMENTS	3,172	3,134
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HAZELBANK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2023

11. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	119,513	105,951	102,249	3,702	550	123,765
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Restricted Funds						
Building Fund	44,529	18,711	7,306	11,405		55,934
Ministry Extension Fund	44,045	7,401	3,462	3,939	(3,425)	44,559
United Appeal	0	8,839	8,839	0		0
World Development Appeal	0	3,728	3,728	0		0
Zomba	856	7,199	0	7,199		8,055
Moderators Appeal	0	646	646	0		0
Digging Deeper	0	200	200	0		0
EMF Denmark	0	400	400	0		0
Foodbank	0	260	260	0		0
Stand by Me	0	379	379	0		0
Tearfund	0	893	893	0		0
Zomba Trip	0	4,961	7,986	(3,025)	3,025	0
Bowling Club	495	631	381	250	(350)	395
Fit 4	118	0	0	0		118
Girls' Brigade	3,434	3,541	3,718	(177)	(200)	3,057
Mums and Toddlers	381	84	117	(33)		348
Presbyterian Women	3,591	2,471	2,721	(250)	(100)	3,241
Sunday School	1,189	560	1,320	(760)	500	929
				0		0
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	98,638	60,904	42,356	18,548	(550)	116,636
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TOTAL CASH FUNDS	218,151	166,855	144,605	22,250	0	240,401
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hazelbank Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland

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Hazelbank Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105540

Annual report

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

**Trustees Annual Report
For The
Year Ended 31 December 2023**

HAZELBANK 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

Hazelbank Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Hazelbank Road
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Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105540)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Rev. David Henry Brown	Mr. Christopher Harold Alexander
Mr. Edward Frederick Kilgore	Mr. Lyle Jamieson Hunter
Mrs. Rosaleen Ramsey	Mr. David James Kane O.B.E.
Miss Jill Curry	Mr. James Kenneth Ford
Mr. Robert Luke Blair	Mr. Peter Philip Graham
Mr. David Sampson	

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Rev. David Henry Brown
Clerk of Session	Mr. Peter Philip Graham
Treasurer	Mr. David Sampson

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

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

1) STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held a minimum of 5 times each year.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant on its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote.

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Hazelbank congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Coleraine & Limavady 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.

HAZELBANK 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.

2) DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

Hazelbank Congregation 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.

Our Mission Purpose

Hazelbank Presbyterian Church, grounded in the scriptures, exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son by the power of the Holy Spirit; and to enable the members of His family to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world 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.*

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

3) ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES (Some activities below suspended from March 2020 due to COVID-19)

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on several 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
- Bible Class
- Youth Fellowship
- Girls' Brigade
- Hazelbank Toddlers
- Crèche
- Presbyterian Women
- Fit 4 (Ladies) (No meetings during 2023)
- Nursing Home Ministry (Suspended all of 2023)
- Bowling Club
- Holiday Bible Club
- Men's Outreach
- Home Bible Study Groups
- Monthly Community & Congregation Drop In Coffee Morning

4) ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

50th Anniversary: During 2023 a number of special events were held to celebrate the 50th Year of the congregation the highlight being our Anniversary Service in March attended by the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Rev Dr. J.A. Kirkpatrick. Former Ministers and members attended along with representatives from other local churches and the Mayor of Causeway Coast & Glens Council. Other Anniversary events included Men's and Ladies Breakfasts with guest speakers, a special weekend of Harvest Services and Teachings and an exhibition of Creativity showcasing the many talents of the members of our congregation.

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.am and 6.30pm. Due to Covid 19 the evening service has been suspended. During the week Bible Study/House Groups provide an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer. Every other Wednesday a Prayer Meeting is held in the church hall. Everyone is welcome to attend for as long or as little as they can. We pray for our town our community and our congregation.

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

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

At 31 December 2023 there were 189 communicant members and 170 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 60.

COVID-19

Early 2020 saw the arrival of the worldwide COVID-19 Pandemic. Along with many other venues, churches and church buildings were required to close as non-essential contact with others was not permitted. In response to the forced closure we started to provide a pre-recorded service which became available on YouTube and Facebook on the Sunday morning. Later that year with the purchase of new equipment we moved to livestreaming on the "YouTube" social media platform meaning we could stream our church services live on Sunday mornings.

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 and/or District Elders.

Mission and outreach

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, which has partnership links with indigenous churches, Christian institutions and international mission agencies in more than 25 countries around the world. The Council for Global Mission is tasked with enabling the coordination and delivery of global mission and provides a supportive bridge between local congregational life and its global context.

ZOMBA Action Project

In addition Hazelbank congregation supports the Zomba Action Project along with Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council and our partner agency on the ground Emmanuel International.

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

Since 2005 Hazelbank has funded a wide range of life-changing projects in the Zomba area, samples of which include;

Feeding programmes during times of crop failure and extreme hunger, many of which were aimed at widows and orphans.

Supply of mosquito nets to communities to avert the risk of malaria.

Provision of shallow wells in villages to supply clean water.

Provision of bicycle ambulances to improve transport of the sick in rural areas.

Refurbishment of a local orphanage.

Education scholarships to provide disadvantaged pupils with secondary school education for 5 years

Supply of goats to villages to encourage small scale farming and food production.

Help in completing of the Chipalawe orphan project.

Help in completing of a primary school at Chinimwali.

Beekeeping projects for suitable villages have been extremely successful in the recent past and each project costs around £500 to set up. This project included the supply of equipment, bees and training. The money realized from the sale of the honey harvested from this project will be shared amongst households participating in the project. This will raise their living standards as they will be able to purchase fertilizer and boost their crop harvests next season.

Project for Harvest Offering 2021 and 2022

Following a proposal from the local Zomba Action committee the Trustees agreed to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of Hazelbank Presbyterian Church coming up in 2023, by undertaking a special larger project, spanning over two years, which would create a building which could be identified with our church which has consistently supported the people of Zomba for almost two decades.

The idea of a 'Hazelbank Child Care Centre' would involve the provision of a new building, comprising a 2-room centre plus integral store, brick built with a cement mortar plaster, under a corrugated zinc roof. There will also be an outdoor kitchen and toilet, a well and pump and a garden, with fertilizer and seed to help provide supplementary feeding for the children.

Mosquito nets will be provided to the guardians of the attending children.

Training in child care, educating pre-school children and hygiene will be provided for the Volunteers. This building will also be used for community meetings and civic activities, health clinics and agriculture meetings etc.

2023 Harvest Update: In August 2023 three members of our congregation along with other members of the Zomba Action Committee travelled to Zomba where they officially opened the Hazelbank Child Care Centre.

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

Foodbank

Following months of discussion and planning Hazelbank joined with our close neighbours in the Elim church to set up a foodbank in partnership with the Trussell Trust. This foodbank serves the “Heights” area of our town and supplies emergency food for local people in crisis. Volunteers from both churches attended training covering a number of issues including Safeguarding and the foodbank went “live” in December 2021. Throughout 2023 the Foodbank has continued to operate and bring relief to many families in need in the area. A leaflet drop was carried out in the Heights area to make residents aware of the Foodbank and it’s also highlighted in local posts on Facebook Social Media

Samaritan’s Purse (Operation Christmas Child)

Samaritan’s Purse is an international relief and development organisation that works through local churches to proclaim and demonstrate the love of God amongst communities in Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Thousands of churches, schools and businesses across the UK take part sending shoeboxes containing child’s toys, hygiene items, school supplies and small clothing items (hats, gloves etc.). Every year our congregation fill a large number of shoeboxes which are then transported to a central location for distribution. Due to Covid restrictions in 2020 an online option was set up and now contributors can build an online shoebox by sending an electronic payment from their bank. This has proved very popular.

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

The minister and one of our elders were nominated to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, in June.

Property

The Church Property Sub-Committee regularly reviews the fabric of its suite of buildings and brings recommendations to the Church Committee for work required to the premises. The church committee undertakes preventative maintenance and repairs any damaged property or equipment on a timely basis. During the year £7,306 was spent on repairs and maintenance of our church buildings and Manse.

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

Organizations

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women (PW) is an organization within the Presbyterian Church in Ireland that enables, encourages and equips women to become Disciples of Christ. PW is open to women of all ages and stages of life were they are able to come together to grow in their faith through bible study, prayer, teaching and through growing in community together.

Youth Fellowship (Did not meet in 2023)

Youth Fellowship caters for those who are 1st year Secondary Education into their early twenties. It meets each Sunday evening from 6:15- 7.30pm. Members have a time of bible study as well as some fun time together around fellowship and food. Some of the Youth Fellowship have one to one mentoring to help them grow in their Christian faith. Members also attend outside events organized for youth fellowships including MAD held in Coleraine University.

Girls Brigade

The Girls' Brigade Company is a Christ-centered uniformed organization for girls which aims to teach girls to seek, serve and follow Christ through craft, games, Bible study and other fun activities. Our Company meets on Thursday nights during September to March. Over forty girls are currently registered.

Hazelbank Bowling Club

Having been formed in 1973, the Hazelbank Presbyterian Church Bowling Club is the oldest recreational organization attached to Hazelbank Presbyterian Church. On average 20 - 25 members of various ages meet on Tuesday and Saturday evenings at 7.30pm in the Church Hall, and enjoy an evening's fellowship together from September through to Easter. Membership includes non-members of Hazelbank Presbyterian Church. New members of all ages are always welcome. The Club participates in the Bannside League which entails a weekly match against clubs from various Churches and Halls in the Triangle area.

Hazelbank Toddlers

Hazelbank Toddlers Group is for pre-school children, and as well as catering for the little ones, it aims to provide the opportunity for parents/carers to relax and make friends. You are very welcome to join us in the Church Hall every Thursday morning, during school term at 10:00am-11:00am.

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

Nursing Home Ministry (Suspended from March 2020 due to COVID-19)

A team from Hazelbank also visits local Nursing Homes regularly with many older people enjoying the worship and fellowship on a regular basis.

Midweek Bible Study

Small groups meet informally in homes where, although they are studying the Bible, there is also good fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere. Each group has a slightly different 'character' but they are all the same in that everybody is made very welcome but nobody has to contribute orally to the discussions or prayer times. Not only is there an opportunity to grow in faith but a valuable element is getting to know other members of our congregation really well and developing friendships.

Men's Ministry

Our men's group meet in a local restaurant for breakfast and fellowship on the first Saturday of every month. Trips to events and attractions are also held and these are open to all men whether or not they have a connection with the church

Monthly Coffee & Buns Morning

A Drop In Coffee & Buns Morning is held on the first Saturday of every month for the local community and congregation

Volunteers

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on committees and helping with organizations and other church activities. Currently around 70 people are involved in the various tasks.

5) 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

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

resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

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

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

6) FINANCIAL REVIEW

Total Income for 2023 was £166,855 (£159,036 in 2022). The congregations' main source of income is member's contributions through the weekly Freewill Offering. There were 104 households contributing during the year (109 in previous year, 2022). Total donations amounted to £160,705 (£155,137 in previous year, 2022), these figures include Gift Aid Refunds and contributions for Special Offerings.

Having replaced the church sound system in 2022, outgoings decreased in 2023 to £144,605 (£160,307 in 2022). During 2023 our congregation collected and distributed a total of £24,684 to external and PCI based religious projects, a few examples include:

Digging Deeper: A local initiative partnering with the Mountsandle Christian Fellowship operating in the immediate vicinity of the church. Volunteers help householders to maintain their garden.

European Mission Fellowship, supporting a church plant in the city of Aarhus

Zomba Action Project (including the new Child Care Centre)

Tear Fund

The Heights Foodbank

PCI World Development Appeal

PCI United Appeal

Stand By Me (working in 11 countries rescuing children)

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

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 congregations 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 on 12th March 2024 and signed on its behalf by

(Name) 

(Name) 

(Date) 12/03/24

(Date) 12/03/24

Hazelbank Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105540

Annual return

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