

# Bovevagh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105559

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2016-08-09

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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

**What the charity does:** The advancement of religion

**How the charity works:** Religious activities

**Who the charity helps:** General public

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£60,362	£79,537	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Boyd Douglas		
Don Laughlin		
John Dale		
Mr Andrew Dale		
Mrs Diane Dale		
Rev. Gary Aitcheson		
Sam Mccrea		
Wilson Younge		

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# Accounts

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<b>No. 1 Account</b>			
Balance in bank	25681.04	Stipend paid to minister	14734.20
Weekly Freewill Offering	29059.00	Investment interest to minister	4072.15
Plate	558.00	Assembly Assessment:	
Plate Gift Aid	139.50	Central Ministry Fund	928.00
WFO Gift Aid Refund	5326.00	Communications Dept	260.00
United Appeal Offerings	1794.00	Widows of Ministers' Fund	167.00
United Appeal Gift Aid Refund	299.75	Prolonged Disability Fund	130.00
Presbyterian Childrens Society	190.00	Incidental Fund	668.00
NIE (Way leave rent)	198.12	Ministerial Development Fund	19.00
Manse rent	2000.00	Assembly building extension works	334.00
Farm rent	4780.00	Sick Supply Fund	4.00
Dungiven Church Trust	295.00	Students Bursary Fund	297.00
Student Bursary	610.00	PCI Pension Scheme (2009) fund	3536.00
Insurance rebate	507.28	National Insurance	1534.24
GASDS	284.25	Ministerial car allowance	1688.00
Interest on Gift Aid	246.30	Ministerial duties allowance	1126.00
Bank Interest	43.01	ER NIC on ministerial allowance	388.00
Interest for Stipend:		Apprenticeship Levy	74.00
S.A. Douglas	20.95	Balteagh Manse 50% share	
T. L. Horner	10.56	Insurance	227.80
A.J. & M.J Laughlin	21.49	Rates	505.89
Moore	8.58	Minister expense	123.87
M McElwee	30.36	Pulpit Supply	254.50
E McLenaghan	10.56	Grass cutting	950.00
EM Ramsay	164.34	Plumbing	78.00
Sinclair Donations	10.89	Alarm	90.00
W & E Wray	12.65	Power NI	1690.17
Fanny McFadden	13.20	Petrol	120.02
Loughlin	26.07	Heating Oil	1141.00
Smythe Edwards	3745.50	FWO	453.00
Interest for United Appeal:		Insurance	2427.39
R Jamison	17.16	Presbytery Fees	253.00
W.J. Jamison	2.08	Graphite Securities	303.60
J Warke	0.44	Caretaker	420.00
W & E Wray	15.90	Organist	1500.00
W & E Wray (Qua-Iboe)	2.64	Missions	3253.22
TL Horner Bequest (Music)	5.28	Presbyterian Childrens Society	190.00
S Clarke Bequest (Grave upkeep)	21.95	Bibles	45.00
SA Douglas (Grave upkeep)	0.50	Communion Role Book	28.00
		Student Bursary	610.00
		Manse Rates	1159.20
		MKL Plumbing	9436.00
		Andertons Music	512.99
		LPC stamps, keys, etc	203.00
		Canning Concrete	186.12
		Colin Eaton	80.00
		Music books	116.62
		Power lead & light	92.00
		Vacuum	285.00
		White Mountain (stones)	820.00
		Cleaning Material	87.00
		Bank Fees	169.62
		Balance in bank	18380.75
			<b>£76,152.35</b>
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**No. 2 Account**

Opening Balance	11908.00	NI Water	301.41
Harvest Offerings	3819.00	Grass cutting	1250.00
Gift Aid Tax Refund	673.50	Broken window hall	140.00
Interest:		Cable accessory	249.21
S Clarke	109.66	Gift & flowers	390.00
L Fulton	40.43	Paint Manse	8000.00
Quigg	14.85	Carpets	890.00
Ramsey	164.34	Boiler Service	498.48
Warstock	8.44	Gates	1600.00
DARD	817.00	Blinds	900.00
Hill rent	1800.00	Gelvin Electrics	900.00
Transfer from savings	5000.00	Cooker & install	420.00
		Oil	110.00
		Chimney clean	105.00
		Bathroom supplies	69.00
		JSWAP	540.00
		Paint	50.00
		MKL Plumbing	1939.20
		Mark Quigley	960.00
		Balance in the bank	5042.92
	<b>£24,355.22</b>		<b>£24,355.22</b>

**Reserve Account**

Opening Balance	23469.55	Transfer to Number 2 account	5000.00
Interest	388.01	Closing Balance	18857.56
	<b>£23,857.56</b>		<b>£23,857.56</b>

**Fixed Term Deposit (Legacy's)**

Opening Balance	8432.25	Transfer to Number 1 Account	355.12
Interest	355.12	Closing Balance	8432.25
	<b>£8,787.37</b>		<b>£8,787.37</b>

**Sunday School National Savings**

Opening Balance	1079.59		
	<b>£1,079.59</b>	Closing Balance	<b>£1,079.59</b>

**Sunday School**

Opening balance	3052.91	Gospel dogs	200.00
Sunday School Lunch	945.00	Faith Mission Books	856.68
Childrens Day Collection	170.00	Bus trip	460.00
Apprentice Boys	262.00	Farm entrance fee	147.00
Interest		Children's day expense	40.00
Ferguson	119.44	Fee's (bank)	54.80
J Fisher	9.90		
E.M. Ramsey	164.34	Closing Balance	2965.11
	<b>£4,723.59</b>		<b>£4,723.59</b>

**Presbyterian Woman**

Opening balance	424.54	Dr Thompson Children's Society	50.00
Mission boxes	293.30	Mr G O'Rourke (speaker)	100.00
Birthday box	23.50	PW Booklet	11.00
Auction	66.50	Missions	500.00
Interest	0.49	Fee's	33.33
		Closing Balance	114.00
	<b>£808.33</b>		<b>£808.33</b>

**Bowling Club**

Opening balance	74.84		
Interest	1.08	Closing Balance	75.92
	<b>£75.92</b>		<b>£75.92</b>

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# Accounts

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**No. 1 Account**

Balance in bank	18217.52	Stipend paid to minister	14032.57
Weekly Freewill Offering	27414.00	Investment interest to minister	3194.82
Plate	752.00	Assembly Assessment:	
WFO Gift Aid Refund	4871.25	Central Ministry Fund	801.00
United Appeal Offerings	1700.00	Widows of Ministers' Fund	164.00
United Appeal Gift Aid Refund	266.75	Prolonged Disability Fund	164.00
Presbyterian Childrens Society	200.00	Incidental Fund	655.00
NIE (Way leave rent)	180.56	Ministerial Development Fund	73.00
Manse rent	3600.00	Assembly building extension works	364.00
Farm rent	4680.00	Sick Supply Fund	7.00
Dungiven Church Trust	290.00	Students Bursary Fund	291.00
E Wilson Gift (late)	10000.00	PCI Pension Scheme (2009) fund	3367.50
New Grave/headstones	20.00	National Insurance	1462.00
Turkey/Syria Appeal	400.00	Ministerial car allowance	1608.00
PNI Energy Fuel	600.00	Ministerial duties allowance	1072.00
LEMOOS	385.00	ER NIC on ministerial allowance	370.00
Gift Aid Interest + Small Don Sch	279.96	Apprenticeship Levy	70.50
Herald	144.00	Cost of living payment	200.00
Bank Interest	22.33	Balteagh Manse 50% share	
Interest for Stipend:		Insurance	217.56
S.A. Douglas	16.40	Rates	480.14
T.L. Horner	8.32	Petrol	62.50
A.J. & M.J Laughlin	6.93	Plumbing Repairs	336.00
Moore	6.76	New Dishwasher + fitting	270.00
M McElwee	23.92	Alarm	85.20
F McFadden	10.40	Pulpit Supply	192.00
E McLenaghan	8.32	Power NI	1002.73
E Ramsay	129.48	Oil	554.00
Sinclair	8.58	Petrol	120.00
W & E Wray	4.07	FWO Envelopes + printing	487.00
Loughlin	20.64	Insurance (church & hall)	1779.84
Smythe Edwards	2951.00	Presbytery Fees	212.00
Interest for United Appeal:		Graphite Securities	365.47
R Jamison	13.52	Caretaker	1050.00
W.J. Jamison	0.67	Organist	1250.00
J Warke	0.15	Missions	3049.31
W & E Wray	5.10	Presbyterian Childrens Society	200.00
Interest for Qua-Iboe	0.87	Bibles	43.18
TL Horner Bequest (Music)	4.16	Bank Charges	138.75
S Clarke Bequest (Grave upkeep)	7.07	Herald	144.00
SA Douglas (Grave upkeep)	0.50	Transfer to Saving	10000.00
		Gift	135.00
		Picture	70.00
		Boiler	543.12
		Tearfund	400.00
		LEMOOS	385.00
		Sundries	100.00
		Balance in Bank	25681.04

**£77,250.23**

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**No. 2 Account**

Opening Balance	7871.16	NI Water	194.95
Harvest Offerings	3666.00	Grass cutting	1050.00
Gift Aid Tax Refund	606.50		
Interest:			
S Clarke	35.35		
L Fulton	13.04		
Quigg	11.70		
Ramsey	129.48		
Warstock	2.72		
DARD	817.00	Balance in the bank	11908.00
	<b>£13,152.95</b>		<b>£13,152.95</b>

**Reserve Account**

Opening Balance	13203.07		
Interest	266.48		
Transfer from No.1 Account	10000.00	Closing Balance	23469.55
	<b>£23,469.55</b>		<b>£23,469.55</b>

**Fixed Term Deposit (Legacy's)**

Opening Balance	8432.25	Transfer to Number 1 Account	114.46
Interest	114.46	Closing Balance	8432.25
	<b>£8,546.71</b>		<b>£8,546.71</b>

**Sunday School National Savings**

Opening Balance	1080.60		
Interest	0.00		
	<b>£1,080.60</b>	Closing Balance	<b>£1,080.60</b>

**Sunday School**

Opening balance	3797.89	Rossmar School	632.98
Sunday School Lunch	760.00	Childrens Day expenses	41.50
Childrens Day Collection	70.00	Faith Mission Books	415.17
Interest		Granite Slab	160.00
Ferguson	38.49	Fee's (bank)	49.10
J Fisher	7.80	Daffodil Bulbs	110.00
E.M. Ramsey	129.48	Pizza Catering	342.00
		Closing Balance	3052.91
	<b>£4,803.66</b>		<b>£4,803.66</b>

**Presbyterian Woman**

Balance Forward	860.70	A Lennox	50.00
Mission boxes	220.00	Sue Whitla	40.00
Birthday box	30.00	A Maybin	75.00
E Wilson (late)	2000.00	Book	11.00
Interest	1.68	Mission	2500.00
Donation	21.00	Fees	32.84
		Closing Balance	424.54
	<b>£3,133.38</b>		<b>£3,133.38</b>

**Bowling Club**

Opening balance	468.43	Gift	54.95
Fees	5.00	Cake	25.00
Interest	4.50	Wedding Gift	100.00
Lodgement	47.00	Mission Praise Books	270.14
		Closing Balance	74.84
	<b>£524.93</b>		<b>£524.93</b>

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# Annual report

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BOVEVAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

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

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105578)

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

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

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Bovevagh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC 105578)

**CHARITY TRUSTEES**

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

JOHN DALE

DON LAUGHLIN

BOYD DOUGLAS

SAM MCCREA

WILSON YOUNGE

REV. GARETH AITCHESON

DIANA DALE

ANDREW DALE

**BOVEVAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

The Kirk Session

The charity trustees of the congregation are the members of its Kirk Session. Under the congregation's governing document, The Code, the book of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Kirk Session seeks to watch over and promote the spiritual interest of the congregation and of persons not connected with any congregation who are within its bounds. It ensures pastoral care is in place in the congregation and seeks to further the contribution of the Church to Christian witness and service in the local community. The Kirk Session has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee. The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister and the ruling elders of the congregations. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the ministers in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote. Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held at least 4 times in each year.

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

## Presbytery

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

## The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administration and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly is normally constituted during the first week in June for worship and to conduct its business. At the end of business, it is dissolved. The membership of the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

## DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

Bovevagh 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 congregations mission purposes is by the grace of God, to help people of all ages become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:

- is increasingly characterised by love for God, and love and concern for others; - is committed to the historic Christian gospel as revealed in the Bible;
- is relevant to people of this time and place.

The congregation aims to live out its Mission and Vision as a family of God's people by being:

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice.

## ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on 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:

- Presbyterian Woman
- Bible Study Group
- Sunday School
- Youth Fellowship

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Worship and prayer**

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 10:30 AM. 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. We conducted 2 Sacraments of Baptism and conducted 0 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 85 communicant members and 100 families connected with the congregation. The average week attendance at morning worship is 80.

### **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 Presbyterian women pastoral visitors.

### **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, Sunday School project, Presbyterian Children's Society and any other special appeals.

### **Presbytery**

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

### **General Assembly**

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, Church Hall & Manse are in a good state of repair.

### **Organisations**

- Midweek Bible study meet Thursday night - 20 average attendance
- Youth Fellowship meets 1 Sunday per month – 15 average attendance
- PW meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month – 20 average attendance

### **Volunteers**

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

## **PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

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

The direct benefits which flow from the 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.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 89 contributors during the year donating a total of £27624. Total Income of the congregation during the year was £50306.

Total expenditure was £49485.

## **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 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.

Signed on behalf of the Kirk Session on 20th October 2023 by:

Rev. Gareth Aitcheson  
Minister

Mr. Boyd Douglas  
Clerk of Session

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# Annual return

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# INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BOVEVAGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

I report on the accounts of Bovevagh Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31st December 2023.

## Respective Responsibilities of the 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.

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## Independent Examiner's Statement

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



Mr. William Clyde

F.M.A.A.T.

46 Roemill Road

Limavady

30<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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# Accounts

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No. 1 Account

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Plate	516.00	Assembly Assessment:	
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United Appeal Offerings	1479.00	Widows of Ministers' Fund	151.00
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New Grave/headstones	300.00	National Insurance	1417.50
Donation	100.00	Ministerial car allowance	1532.00
Bowling Club	300.00	Ministerial duties allowance	1021.00
Bank Interest	16.69	ER NIC on ministerial allowance	370.75
Interest for Stipend:		Apprenticeship Levy	67.00
S.A. Douglas	17.05	Oil	1858.00
T.L. Horner	8.64	Power NI	510.79
A.J. & M.J Laughlin	0.75	Pulpit Supplies	292.50
Moore	7.02	Cleaning material	46.97
M McElwee	24.84	FWO envelopes & printing etc	371.00
F McFadden	10.80	Insurance (Balteagh 50%)	203.25
E McLenaghan	8.64	Petrol	125.19
E Ramsay	134.46	Insurance (church and hall)	1656.84
Sinclair	8.91	Henderson music	1148.22
W & E Wray	0.50	Rates (Balteagh Manse 50%)	449.02
Loughlin	21.33	Presbytery Fees	200.00
Smythe Edwards	3064.50	Graphites securities	391.91
Interest for United Appeal:		Caretaker	1050.00
R Jamison	14.04	Organist	1250.00
W.J. Jamison	0.08	Missions	2802.79
J Warke	0.02	Presbyterian Children Society	180.00
W & E Wray	0.55	Ukraine appeal	700.00
Interest for Qua-Iboe	0.10	Bibles	67.91
TL Horner Bequest (Music)	4.32	Bank Charges	128.69
S Clarke Bequest (Grave upkeep)	0.78		
SA Douglas (Grave upkeep)	0.50	Balance in the bank	18217.52

**£58,158.65**

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<u>No. 2 Account</u>			
Opening Balance	7645.55	NI Water	75.46
Harvest Offerings	3203.00	Grass cutting	1050.00
Gift Aid Tax Refund	474.00	Topsoil	240.00
Interest:		Lawnmower	2600.00
S Clarke	3.88	Manse repair	2630.00
L Fulton	1.50	Balteagh Manse repair 50%	455.20
Quigg	12.15		
Ramsey	134.46		
Warstock	0.28		
DARD	817.00		
A.J. Gallagher (manse)	2630.00	Balance in the bank	7871.16

**£14,921.82** **£14,921.82**

<u>Reserve Account</u>			
Opening Balance	13186.99		
Interest	16.08	Closing Balance	13203.07

**£13,203.07** **£13,203.07**

<u>Fixed Term Deposit (Legacy's)</u>			
Opening Balance	8432.25	Transfer to Number 1 Account	12.65
Interest	12.65	Closing Balance	8432.25

**£8,444.90** **£8,444.90**

<u>Sunday School National Savings</u>			
Opening Balance	1079.59		
Interest	1.01		

**£1,080.60** **£1,080.60**

<u>Sunday School</u>			
Opening balance	4286.88	Childrens Day expenses	30.00
Apprentice Boys	195.00	Faith Mission Books	474.86
Childrens Day Collection	50.00	Puppet show	200.00
Interest		Fee's (bank)	32.90
Ferguson	4.21	Sunday School prizes	143.00
J Fisher	8.10		
E.M. Ramsey	134.46	Closing Balance	3797.89

**£4,678.65** **£4,678.65**

<u>Presbyterian Woman</u>			
Balance Forward	752.44	Speaker	40.00
Mission boxes	250.00	Flowers	60.00
Birthday box	21.00	Book	11.00
Christmas dinner	280.00	Missions	300.00
Interest	0.85	Fees	32.59
		Closing Balance	860.70

**£1,304.29** **£1,304.29**

<u>Bowling Club</u>			
Opening balance	1166.43	IIBA fees	80.00
Fees	470.00	Ballybrakes	575.00
Interest	1.00	LJN designs	84.00
		Charity	130.00
		Bovevagh Presbyterian account	300.00
		Closing Balance	468.43

**£1,637.43** **£1,637.43**

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105559

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# Annual report

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## BOVEVAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

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

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105578)

### **BOVEVAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

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

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Bovevagh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC 105578)

#### **CHARITY TRUSTEES**

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

JOHN DALE

DON LAUGHLIN

BOYD DOUGLAS

SAM MCCREA

WILSON YOUNGE

REV. GARETH AITCHESON

### **BOVEVAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

The Kirk Session

The charity trustees of the congregation are the members of its Kirk Session. Under the congregation's governing document, The Code, the book of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Kirk Session seeks to watch over and promote the spiritual interest of the congregation and of persons not connected with any congregation who are within its bounds. It ensures pastoral care is in place in the congregation and seeks to further the contribution of the Church to Christian witness and service in the local community. The Kirk Session has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee. The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister and the ruling elders of the congregations. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the ministers in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote. Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held at least 4 times in each year.

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

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations

assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Bovevagh 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.

#### The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administration and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly is normally constituted during the first week in June for worship and to conduct its business. At the end of business, it is dissolved. The membership of the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

#### **DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

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

Bovevagh 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 purposes is by the grace of God, to help people of all ages become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:

- is increasingly characterised by love for God, and love and concern for others; - is committed to the historic Christian gospel as revealed in the Bible;
- is relevant to people of this time and place.

The congregation aims to live out its Mission and Vision as a family of God's people by being:

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice.

#### **ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on 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:

- Presbyterian Woman
- Bible Study Group
- Sunday School
- Bowling Club
- Youth Fellowship

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

## Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 10:30 AM. 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. We conducted 1 Sacraments of Baptism and conducted 0 marriage services and gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year. At 31 December 2022 there were 85 communicant members and 100 of families connected with the congregations. The average week attendance at morning worship is 75.

## 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 Presbyterian women pastoral visitors.

## 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, Sunday School project, Presbyterian Children's Society and any other special appeals.

## Presbytery

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

## General Assembly

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, Church Hall & Manse are relatively new and in a good state of repair.

## Organisations

- Bowling club meets Tuesday night - 29 average attendance
- Midweek Bible study meet Thursday night - 20 average attendance
- Youth Fellowship meets 1 Sunday per month – 15 average attendance
- PW meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month – 20 average attendance

## Volunteers

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

## **PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

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

The direct benefits which flow from the 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.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 89 contributors during the year donating a total of £27624. Total Income of the congregation during the year was £50306.

Total expenditure was £49485.

## **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 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.

Signed on behalf of the Kirk Session on 20th October 2022 by:

Rev. Gareth Aitcheson  
Minister

Mr. Boyd Douglas  
Clerk of Session

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105559

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# Annual return

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# INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BOVEVAGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

I report on the accounts of Bovevagh Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31st December 2022.

## Respective Responsibilities of the 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.

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## Independent Examiner's Statement

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



Mr. William Clyde

F.M.A.A.T.

46 Roemill Road

Limavady

30<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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