

Ringsend Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105573

Details

Known as	Ringsend Presbyterian Church
Status	Received
Registered	2016-08-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address	21 Mill Court Garvagh Coleraine County Londonderry BT51 5dy BT51 5DY
Phone	07734872264

Activities

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

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£78,296	£66,722	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Arthur Crowe		
Elizabeth Smyth		
Ian Black		
John Adams		
Mrs Tracey Jane Watson		
Rev Colin W. A. Martin		
Robert Graham		

Ringsend Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105573

Accounts



Ringsend Congregation
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Financial Statements

Year Ended
31st December 2024

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

NIC 105573

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	49,170	12,755		61,925	62,035
Charitable activities	3	562	0		562	362
Other trading activities	4	10,618	0		10,618	9,691
Investment Income	5	4,346	734		5,080	3,757
Other Income	6	111	0		111	1,672
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Sub Total		64,807	13,489	0	78,296	77,517
Sale of Investments					0	0
Sale of fixed assets					0	0
Loans Received					0	0
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Total Receipts		64,807	13,489	0	78,296	77,517
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Payments						
Raising funds	7	465	0		465	532
Charitable activities	8	52,884	11,349		64,234	70,559
Investment costs					0	
Other Expenditure	9	0	2,023		2,023	0
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Sub Total		53,349	13,372	0	66,722	71,091
Purchase of Investments					0	
Purchase of fixed assets					0	
Loan Repayments					0	
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Total Payments		53,349	13,372	0	66,722	71,091
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Net receipts / (payments)		11,458	116	0	11,574	6,426
Transfers between funds		(3,899)	3,899		0	0
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Net movement in funds		7,559	4,015	0	11,574	6,426
Funds brought forward		9,123	33,041	0	42,164	35,738
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Funds carried forward	12	16,682	37,056	0	53,738	42,164
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RINGSEND 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	9,123	33,041		42,164	35,738
Net movement in funds	7,559	4,015		11,574	6,426
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Bank and Cash at end of year	16,682	37,056	0	53,738	42,164
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Accounts				53,738	42,164
Cash in Hand				0	0
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				53,738	42,164
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Fixed Assets – Note 10					
Church Premises including fixtures and fittings				2,314,531	2,204,315
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Other Assets					
Investments – Note 11				115,093	107,067
Gift Aid receivable on donations				6,341	5,138
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				121,434	112,205
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 6th April 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Name *Robert Graham*

Name *Col. Ma*

Date 6/4/2025

Date 6/4/2025

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation 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	2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£		£	£
Recorded giving	39,405	7,240			46,645	48,124
Loose collections	1,101	3,174			4,275	5,761
Donations and gifts	3,025	478			3,503	1,595
Gift Aid	5,639	1,863			7,502	6,555
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	49,170	12,755	0		61,925	62,035
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RINGSEND 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	562	0			562	12
Fees from weddings and funerals	0	0			0	350
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	562	0	0		562	362
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£		£	£
Trading income	10,618	0			10,618	9,691
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	10,618	0	0		10,618	9,691
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£		£	£
Bank interest	217	55			272	428
Other investment income	4,129	679			4,808	3,329
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	4,346	734	0		5,080	3,757
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RINGSEND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2024

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£		£	£
Other income	111	0			111	1,672
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	111	0	0		111	1,672
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£		£	£
FWO envelopes	465	0			465	532
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	465	0	0		465	532
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£		£	£
General Assembly Assessments	8,068	0			8,068	7,984
Presbytery fees	330	0			330	264
Ministry and support staff costs	31,970	51			32,021	31,266
Premises Costs	9,893	0			9,893	9,445
Congregational running expenses	1,301	1,036			2,337	3,242
Repairs and Maintenance	515	1,545			2,060	8,894
Donations to Missions and charities	0	8,717			8,717	8,621
Governance costs	807	0			807	843
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	52,884	11,349	0		64,234	70,559
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RINGSEND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2024

9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Third Party Contribution to River Ridge re Landfill Communities Fund Grant	0	2,023		2,023	0
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	0	2,023	0	2,023	0
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10. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 139 Cashel Road, Ringsend and the manse at 120 Cashel Road, Ringsend together with the associated fixtures, fittings, fittings, plant and machinery .

These have an insurance value of

	£
Church	1,489,911
Church Hall	289,927
Manse	534,693

	2,314,531

The congregation also owns approximately 30 acres of land at 120 Cashel Road which had an estimated market value of £240,000 at the year end.

11. INVESTMENTS

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Endowment Funds		
<u>Progressive Building Society</u>		
Minister	2,540	2,540
Repair and Reserve	633	633
P.W.	3,037	3,037
Sunday School	2,750	2,750
Youth Fellowship	500	500
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	9,460	9,460
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Other Investments		
Unrestricted Investments		
NFU Unit Managers Ltd Investment Portfolio Plan	71,600	69,276
HSBC shares (3858)	30,197	24,518
Aviva PLC shares (72)	336	313
Progressive Building Society	3,500	3,500
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	105,633	97,607
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TOTAL INVESTMENTS	115,093	107,067
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RINGSEND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2024

12. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	9,123	64,807	53,349	11,458	(3,899)	16,682
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	9,123	64,807	53,349	11,458	(3,899)	16,682
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Restricted Funds						
Repair and Reserve	23,621	3,760	3,593	167	2,743	26,531
Grave Repair Fund	0	12	0	12	57	69
United Appeal	(397)	3,582	4,265	(683)	683	(397)
World Development Appeal	0	1,305	1,375	(70)	150	80
Pres. Children's Society	0	362	362	0	0	0
Earl Haig	0	165	165	0	0	0
Sunday School	2,255	1,101	481	620	200	3,075
Choir	4,023	1,057	1,015	42	0	4,065
P.W.	1,738	2,013	2,065	(52)	(150)	1,536
Youth Fellowship	1,801	10	0	10	0	1,811
Minister's Bequest	0	51	51	0	0	0
Rev. Dinsmore Bursary	0	70	0	70	216	286
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	33,041	13,488	13,372	116	3,899	37,056
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TOTAL CASH FUNDS	42,164	78,295	66,721	11,574	0	53,738
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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ringsend 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 7.

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

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8 April 2025

Ringsend Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105573

Accounts



Ringsend Congregation
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Financial Statements

Year Ended
31st December 2023

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

NIC 105573

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£		£	£
Receipts							
Donations and legacies	2	47,481	14,553			62,034	44,025
Charitable activities	3	362	0			362	5
Other trading activities	4	9,691	0			9,691	9,676
Investment Income	5	3,323	434			3,757	2,263
Other Income	6	1,672	0			1,672	0
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Sub Total		62,530	14,987	0		77,517	55,969
Sale of Investments						0	
Sale of fixed assets						0	
Loans Received						0	
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Total Receipts		62,530	14,987	0		77,517	55,969
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Payments							
Raising funds	7	532	0			532	454
Charitable activities	8	59,048	11,511			70,559	58,106
Investment costs		0	0			0	0
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Sub Total		59,580	11,511	0		71,091	58,560
Purchase of Investments						0	
Purchase of fixed assets						0	
Loan Repayments						0	
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Total Payments		59,580	11,511	0		71,091	58,560
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Net receipts / (payments)		2,950	3,476	0		6,426	(2,591)
Transfers between funds		(3,002)	3,002			0	0
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Net movement in funds		(52)	6,478	0		6,426	(2,591)
Funds brought forward		9,175	26,563	0		35,738	38,329
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Funds carried forward	11	9,123	33,041	0		42,164	35,738
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RINGSSEND 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	9,175	26,563		35,738	38,329
Net movement in funds	(52)	6,478		6,426	(2,591)
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Bank and Cash at end of year	9,123	33,041	0	42,164	35,738
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Accounts				42,164	35,738
Cash in Hand				0	0
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				42,164	35,738
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Fixed Assets – Note 9					
Church Premises including fixtures and fittings				2,204,315	2,050,525
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Other Assets					
Investments – Note 10				107,067	98,557
Gift Aid receivable on donations				5,138	4,962
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				112,205	103,519
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 22nd Feb 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Name *Ed. Mon*

Name *Robert Graham*

Date 22/2/24

Date 22-2-24

RINGSEND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2023

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving	40,500	7,625		48,124	34,071
Loose collections	1,471	4,289		5,760	2,837
Donations and gifts	945	650		1,595	730
Gift Aid	4,565	1,990		6,555	6,387
Legacies and bequest	0	0		0	0
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	47,481	14,553	0	62,034	44,025
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RINGSEND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2023

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£		£	£
Income from charitable activities	12	0			12	5
Fees from weddings and funerals	350	0			350	0
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	362	0	0		362	5
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£		£	£
Trading income	9,691	0			9,691	9,676
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	9,691	0	0		9,691	9,676
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£		£	£
Bank interest	181	247			428	45
Other investment income	3,143	186			3,329	2,218
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	3,323	434	0		3,757	2,263
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RINGSEND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2023

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£		£	£
Other income	1,672	0			1,672	0
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	1,672	0	0		1,672	0
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£		£	£
FWO envelopes	532	0			532	454
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	532	0	0		532	454
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£		£	£
General Assembly Assessments	7,984	0			7,984	7,947
Presbytery fees	264	0			264	275
Ministry and support staff costs	31,217	50			31,267	30,255
Premises Costs	9,445	0			9,445	7,290
Congregational running expenses	1,887	1,356			3,242	2,614
Repairs and Maintenance	7,410	1,484			8,894	2,912
Donations to Missions and charities	0	8,621			8,621	6,513
Governance costs	843	0			843	300
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	59,048	11,511	0		70,559	58,106
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RINGSEND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2023

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Minister	2,540	2,540
Repair and Reserve	633	633
P.W.	3,037	3,037
Sunday School	2,750	2,750
Youth Fellowship	500	500
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	9,460	9,460
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Other Investments		
Unrestricted Investments		
NFU Unit Managers Ltd Investment Portfolio Plan	69,276	65,407
HSBC shares (3858)	24,518	19,895
Aviva PLC shares (72)	313	295
Progressive Building Society	3,500	3,500
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	97,607	89,097
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TOTAL INVESTMENTS	107,067	98,557
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RINGSEND 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	9,175	62,530	59,580	2,950	(3,002)	9,123
Rev. Dinsmore Bursary						
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	9,175	62,530	59,580	2,950	(3,002)	9,123
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Restricted Funds						
Repair and Reserve	16,993	5,576	1,513	4,063	2,565	23,621
United Appeal	(397)	3,541	3,778	(237)	237	(397)
World Development Appeal	100	1,676	1,776	(100)		0
Pres. Children's Society	0	460	460	0		0
Earl Haig	20	104	124	(20)		0
Sunday School	2,071	589	605	(16)	200	2,255
Choir	4,181	793	951	(158)		4,023
P.W.	1,804	2,188	2,254	(66)		1,738
Youth Fellowship	1,791	10	0	10		1,801
Minister	0	50	50	0		0
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	26,563	14,987	11,511	3,476	3,002	33,041
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TOTAL CASH FUNDS	35,738	77,517	71,091	6,426	0	42,164
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22 March 2024

Ringsend Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105573

Annual report

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

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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.

Ringsend 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 to *strive side by side for the faith of the gospel*. To that end we seek, by God's grace, to help people of all ages to come to know Jesus Christ, and to become His fully devoted followers, learning to live in His love and to demonstrate that love to each other and to those around us.

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

We are pleased to report that as 2022 progressed many of the COVID19 and various lockdown restrictions were eased meaning that we were able to return to most of our previous activities.

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's range of meetings and organisations includes:

- Church LIFE (Mid-week Prayer and Fellowship service)
- Home LIFE groups
- Presbyterian Women
- Ringsend Girls
- Sunday Morning Club

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 10:45 a.m. with occasional evening services throughout the year. During the week Prayer LIFE provides a weekly opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to be updated about the work of the Church around the world and for a time of prayer. Presbyterian Women provides fellowship for the women of the congregation and prayerful and financial support for PCI missionaries. Ringsend Girls continues as a developing work for girls aged 3 and older.

At 31 December 2023 there were 166 communicant members and 80 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 47.

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors, as permitted by the prevailing CV19 restrictions.

Mission and outreach

We seek to support, encourage and equip members to engage in the spreading of the good news of the love of God as demonstrated in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. To that end members are encouraged both to share their own experiences of life as His followers, and to demonstrate His love in practical ways through charitable living and prayerful and financial support for works of mission and mercy.

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

The congregation also contributes to the denomination's annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School project and any other special appeals.

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 property of the congregation is in generally good repair with no major work being needed in 2023.

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.

**RINGSEND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 101 contributors during the year (95 in previous year, 2022) donating a total of £41, 970.78 (£29,644 in previous year, 2022)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £77,517 compared to £55, 969 in the previous year.

Total expenditure increased from £58, 560 to £71,091


STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the congregation in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the congregation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 21st March 2024 and signed on its behalf by

[Name] 

[Name] 

[Date] 21/3/24

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Ringsend Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105573

Annual return

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

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

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
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22 March 2024

Ringsend Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

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Accounts



Ringsend Congregation
of the
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Financial Statements

Year Ended
31st December 2022

RINGSEND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2022

NIC 105573

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	34,506	9,519		44,025	44,617
Charitable activities	3	5	0		5	12,031
Other trading activities	4	9,676	0		9,676	9,441
Investment Income	5	2,107	155		2,263	1,740
Other Income	6	0	0		0	2,800
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Sub Total		46,294	9,675	0	55,969	70,629
Sale of Investments					0	
Sale of fixed assets					0	
Loans Received					0	
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Total Receipts		46,294	9,675	0	55,969	70,629
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Payments						
Raising funds	7	454	0		454	448
Charitable activities	8	48,612	9,494		58,106	59,185
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Sub Total		49,066	9,494	0	58,560	59,633
Purchase of Investments					0	
Purchase of fixed assets					0	13,082
Loan Repayments					0	
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total Payments		49,066	9,494	0	58,560	72,715
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Net receipts / (payments)		(2,772)	181	0	(2,591)	(2,086)
Transfers between funds		(3,654)	3,654		0	0
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Net movement in funds		(6,426)	3,835	0	(2,591)	(2,086)
Funds brought forward		15,601	22,728	0	38,329	40,415
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Funds carried forward	11	9,175	26,563	0	35,738	38,329
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RINGSSEND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	15,601	22,728		38,329	40,415
Net movement in funds	(6,426)	3,835		(2,591)	(2,086)
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Bank and Cash at end of year	9,175	26,563	0	35,738	38,329
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Accounts				35,738	38,329
Cash in Hand				-----	-----
				35,738	38,329
				=====	=====
Fixed Assets – Note 9					
Church Premises including fixtures and fittings				2,050,525	1,907,467
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Other Assets					
Investments – Note 10				98,580	104,557
Gift Aid receivable on donations				4,962	5,710
Enter details of any other assets				-----	-----
				103,542	110,267
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Liabilities					
GB - Payments due				0	154
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				0	154
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 19th Feb 2023 and signed on its behalf by

Name

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Name

Jan Black

Date

19/2/23

Date

19-2-23

RINGSEND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected 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	2022	Total 2021
	£	£		£	£	£
Recorded giving	28,933	5,139			34,072	38,459
Loose collections	712	2,126			2,837	658
Donations and gifts	335	395			730	450
Gift Aid	4,527	1,860			6,387	5,050
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	34,506	9,519	0		44,025	44,617
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3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£		£	£
Income from charitable activities	5	0			5	0
Grants	0	0			0	12,031
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	5	0	0		5	12,031
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£		£	£
Trading income	9,676	0			9,676	9,441
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	9,676	0	0		9,676	9,441
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£		£	£
Bank interest	22	23			45	32
Other investment income	2,086	132			2,218	1,708
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	2,107	155	0		2,263	1,740
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RINGSEND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2022

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£		£	£
Insurance claims	0	0			0	2,800
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	0	0	0		0	2,800
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£		£	£
FWO envelopes	454	0			454	448
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	454	0	0		454	448
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£		£	£
General Assembly Assessments	7,947	0			7,947	8,705
Presbytery fees	275	0			275	236
Ministry and support staff costs	30,219	36			30,255	27,352
Premises Costs	7,290	0			7,290	6,225
Congregational running expenses	1,753	861			2,614	1,990
Repairs and Maintenance	577	2,334			2,912	8,133
Donations to Missions and charities	250	6,263			6,513	6,294
Governance costs	300	0			300	250
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	48,612	9,494	0		58,106	59,185
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RINGSEND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2022

9. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 139 Cashel Road, Ringsend and the manse at 120 Cashel Road, Ringsend together with the associated fixtures, fittings, fittings, plant and machinery .

These have an insurance value of

	£
Church	1,319,965
Church Hall	473,703
Manse	256,857
	<u>2,050,525</u>

The congregation also owns approximately 30 acres of land at 120 Cashel Road which had an estimated market value of £240,000 at the year end.

10. INVESTMENTS

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

	2022	2021
	£	£
Endowment Funds		
<u>Progressive Building Society</u>		
Minister	2,540	2,540
Repair and Reserve	633	633
P.W.	3,037	3,037
Sunday School	2,750	2,750
Youth Fellowship	500	500
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	9,460	9,460
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Other Investments		
Unrestricted Investments		
NFU Unit Managers Ltd Investment Portfolio Plan	65,407	73,993
HSBC shares (3858)	19,895	17,309
Aviva PLC shares (72)	318	295
Progressive Building Society	3,500	3,500
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	89,120	95,097
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TOTAL INVESTMENTS	98,580	104,557
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RINGSEND CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2022

11. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	15,601	46,294	49,066	(2,772)	(3,654)	9,175
Rev. Dinsmore Bursary						
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	15,601	46,294	49,066	(2,772)	(3,654)	9,175
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Restricted Funds						
Repair and Reserve	13,068	3,852	2,334	1,518	2,407	16,993
United Appeal	(434)	2,619	3,629	(1,010)	1,047	(397)
World Development Appeal	(294)	294		294	100	100
Pres. Children's Society	0	337	337	0		0
Earl Haig	(24)	124	80	44		20
Moderator's Appeal	0	1,354	1,354	0		0
Sunday School	2,553	186	868	(682)	200	2,071
Choir	4,179	2		2		4,181
P.W.	1,871	863	830	33	(100)	1,804
Youth Fellowship	1,809	7	25	(18)		1,791
Minister	0	36	36	0		0
				0		0
				0		0
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	22,728	9,674	9,493	181	3,654	26,563
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TOTAL CASH FUNDS	38,329	55,968	58,559	(2,591)	0	35,738
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Ringsend Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

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Annual report

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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

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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.

Ringsend 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 to *strive side by side for the faith of the gospel*. To that end we seek, by God's grace, to help people of all ages to come to know Jesus Christ, and to become His fully devoted followers, learning to live in His love and to demonstrate that love to each other and to those around us.

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

We are pleased to report that as 2022 progressed many of the COVID19 and various lockdown restrictions were eased meaning that we were able to return to most of our previous activities.

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's range of meetings and organisations includes:

- Prayer LIFE (Mid-week Prayer and Fellowship service)
- Presbyterian Women
- Ringsend Girls' Brigade

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 10:45 a.m. with occasional evening services throughout the year. During the week Prayer LIFE provides a weekly opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to be updated about the work of the Church around the world and for a time of prayer. Presbyterian Women provides fellowship for the women of the congregation and prayerful and financial support for PCI missionaries. Ringsend GB is a new and developing work for girls aged 3 and older.

At 31 December 2022 there were 169 communicant members and 80 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 47.

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors, as permitted by the prevailing CV19 restrictions.

Mission and outreach

We seek to support, encourage and equip members to engage in the spreading of the good news of the love of God as demonstrated in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. To that end members are encouraged both to share their own experiences of life as His followers, and to demonstrate His love in practical ways through charitable living and prayerful and financial support for works of mission and mercy.

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

The congregation also contributes to the denomination's annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School project and any other special appeals.

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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 property of the congregation is in generally good repair with no major work being needed in 2022.

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.

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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.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 95 contributors during the year (88 in previous year, 2021) donating a total of £29,644.12 (£31, 553 in previous year, 2021)

Total income of the congregation during the year was £55,969 compared to £70,629 in the previous year.

Total expenditure decreased from £72,715 to £58,560

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the congregation in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the congregation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 19th February 2022 and signed on its behalf by

[Name]



[Name]



[Date]

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Ringsend Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105573

Annual return

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

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

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.

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