

# Trinity Omagh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105580

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-08-10
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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

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

**How the charity works:** Religious activities

**Who the charity helps:** General public

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£107,451	£71,084	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alfred Sayers		
Claire Mcelhinney		
Jane Nelson		
John Moore		
Miss Gladys Mary Cuthbertson Imperial Service Medal		
Mr Colin Robert Jardine		
Mr Drew Hamilton		
Mr John Moore		
Mr Mitchell Mcknight		
Mr Robert Samuel Mccay		
Mr Samuel Carson		
Mr Samuel Joseph Gallagher		
Mr Samuel Wesley Atchison		
Mr William Kenneth Duncan		
Mr William Ronald Keys		
Mrs Hazel Mccay		
Mrs Irene Joan Cummins		
Niall Henry		

**Trinity Omagh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105580

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# Accounts

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

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations and legacies	2	69,305	17,792	0	87,097	87,838
Charitable activities	3	0	200	0	200	427
Other trading activities	4	10,767	0	0	10,767	11,425
Investment Income	5	3,602	5,382	0	8,984	6,746
Other	6	0	403	0	403	1,119
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>83,674</b>	<b>23,777</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>107,451</b>	<b>107,555</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Raising funds	7	905	0	0	905	890
Charitable activities	8	36,291	33,888	0	70,179	106,020
Other	9	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>37,196</b>	<b>33,888</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>71,084</b>	<b>106,910</b>
Net receipts / (payments)		46,478	(10,111)	0	36,367	645
Transfers between funds		(1,261)	1,261	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		45,217	(8,850)	0	36,367	645
Gains on investments				0		0
Funds brought forward		37,701	59,267	0	96,968	96,323
Funds carried forward	12	82,918	50,417	0	133,335	96,968

**TRINITY OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

As at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at start of year	37,701	59,267	0	96,968	96,323
Net movement in funds	45,217	(8,850)	0	36,367	645
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Bank and Cash at end of year	82,918	50,417	0	133,335	96,968
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<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Current Accounts				95,283	59,717
Bank Deposit Accounts				38,052	37,251
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				133,335	96,968
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<b>Other Assets</b>					
Fixed Assets - Note 10				-	-
Investments - Note 11				-	-
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<b>Net Assets</b>					
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Approved by the Kirk Session on 21.5.25 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev Jane Nelson  
Rev Jane Nelson

Mrs Claire McElhinney  
Mrs Claire McElhinney

Mrs Yvonne Reid  
Mrs Yvonne Reid

Date: 21.5.25

Date: 21.5.25

Date: 21/05/2025

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

**FUND ACCOUNTING**

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

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

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

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:	51,810	13,000	0	64,810	67,971
Loose collections	224	1,798	0	2,022	2,710
Donations and gifts	2,573	0	0	2,573	911
Gift Aid	14,698	2,994	0	17,692	14,661
Legacies and bequests	0	0	0	0	1,585
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	69,305	17,792	0	87,097	87,838
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**TRINITY OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**31 December 2024**

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	0	0	0	0	0
Fees from weddings and funerals	0	0	0	0	167
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0
Membership fees	0	200	0	200	260
Grants/Gifts	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	200	0	200	427
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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	10,240	0	0	10,240	10,910
Insurance of premises	523	0	0	523	501
Wayleave	4	0	0	4	14
Book Sales	0	0	0	0	0
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	10,767	0	0	10,767	11,425
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**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	1,673	41	0	1,714	1,030
General Investment Fund	1,929	5,341	0	7,270	5,716
Rents investment properties	0	0	0	0	0
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	3,602	5,382	0	8,984	6,746
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**TRINITY OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2024**

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	0	0	0	0	0
Other income	0	403	0	403	1,119
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	0	403	0	403	1,119
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**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	905	0	0	905	890
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0
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	905	0	0	905	890
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**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	7,107	0	0	7,107	6,228
Presbytery fees	514	0	0	514	500
Ministry and support staff costs	10,728	0	0	10,728	52,319
Congregational running expenses	17,562	18,947	0	36,509	33,163
Donations to Missions and charities	0	14,941	0	14,941	13,510
Governance costs	380	0	0	380	300
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	36,291	33,888	0	70,179	106,020
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**TRINITY OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2024**

**9. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0
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**10. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at John Street, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1DH, the Church Hall, the Sexton's House at 40 John Street, the Manse at 10 Mullaghmenagh Avenue, Omagh, Tyrone, BT78 5QH, and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £4,965,237.

**11. INVESTMENTS**

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

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
General Investment Fund (22,056 shares)	307,836	274,057
Other investments	0	0
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	307,836	274,057
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Investments are omitted from the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as they are non-cash/bank related endowment funds.

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

**31 December 2024**

**12. FUND BALANCES**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balance at start</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
General Fund	37,701	83,674	(37,196)	46,478	(1,261)	82,918
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Total UF	37,701	83,674	(37,196)	46,478	(1,261)	82,918
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<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Property	55,074	8,213	(17,162)	(8,949)	0	46,125
United Appeal	0	7,220	(7,702)	(482)	482	0
World Development	0	5,342	(5,342)	0	0	0
Moderator's Appeal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leprosy Mission	0	9	(9)	0	0	0
Pres Children's Society	0	675	(775)	(100)	100	0
Poppy Appeal	0	162	(250)	(88)	88	0
Students' Bursary Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
PW	2,118	910	(1,093)	(183)	0	1,935
Choir	1,813	99	(169)	(70)	0	1,743
Sunday School	0	392	(983)	(591)	591	0
Monteith	262	352	0	352	0	614
Presbyterian Heralds	0	403	(403)	0	0	0
Bequest for Minister	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total RF	59,267	23,777	(33,888)	(10,111)	1,261	50,417
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<b>Endowment Funds</b>						
General Investment Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-GIF	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total EF	0	0	0	0	0	0
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<b>Totals</b>	<b>96,968</b>	<b>107,451</b>	<b>(71,084)</b>	<b>36,367</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>133,335</b>
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# Accounts

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

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations and legacies	2	67,591	20,247	0	87,838	87,771
Charitable activities	3	0	427	0	427	160
Other trading activities	4	11,425	0	0	11,425	9,051
Investment Income	5	1,378	5,368	0	6,746	6,211
Other	6	0	1,119	0	1,119	336
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>80,394</b>	<b>27,161</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>107,555</b>	<b>103,529</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Raising funds	7	890	0	0	890	824
Charitable activities	8	71,890	34,130	0	106,020	93,932
Other	9	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>72,780</b>	<b>34,130</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>106,910</b>	<b>94,756</b>
Net receipts / (payments)		7,614	-6,969	0	645	8,773
Transfers between funds		-888	888	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		6,726	-6,081	0	645	8,773
Gains on investments				0		0
Funds brought forward		30,975	65,348	0	96,323	87,550
Funds carried forward	12	37,701	59,267	0	96,968	96,323

TRINITY OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at start of year	30,975	65,348	0	96,323	87,550
Net movement in funds	6,726	-6,081	0	645	8,773
Bank and Cash at end of year	37,701	59,267	0	96,968	96,323
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Current Accounts				59,717	59,506
Bank Deposit Accounts				37,251	36,817
				96,968	96,323
<b>Other Assets</b>					
Fixed Assets - Note 10				-	-
Investments - Note 11				-	-
<b>Net Assets</b>					
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Approved by the Kirk Session on 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 24 and signed on its behalf by:

Jane Nelson  
Rev Jane Nelson

Claire McElhinney  
Mrs Claire McElhinney  
23 CMCE

Mr Ronald Keys  
Mr Ronald Keys

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 24

Date: 23 Oct' 24

Date: 23/10/24

**TRINITY OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**31 December 2023**

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**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:	54,357	13,614	0	67,971	67,081
Loose collections	520	2,190	0	2,710	1,842
Donations and gifts	911	0	0	911	1,026
Gift Aid	11,218	3,443	0	14,661	14,822
Legacies and bequests	585	1,000	0	1,585	3,000
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	67,591	20,247	0	87,838	87,771
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**TRINITY OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**31 December 2023**

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	0	0	0	0	0
Fees from weddings and funerals	0	167	0	167	0
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0
Membership fees	0	260	0	260	160
Grants/Gifts					
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	0	427	0	427	160
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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	10,910	0	0	10,910	8,550
Insurance of premises	501	0	0	501	487
Wayleave	14	0	0	14	14
Book Sales					
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	11,425	0	0	11,425	9,051
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**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	1,000	30	0	1,030	284
General Investment Fund	378	5,338	0	5,716	5,927
Rents investment properties	0	0	0	0	0
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	1,378	5,368	0	6,746	6,211
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**TRINITY OMAGH 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
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	0	0	0	0	0
Other income	0	1,119	0	1,119	336
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	0	1,119	0	1,119	336
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**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	890	0	0	890	824
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0
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	890	0	0	890	824
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**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	6,228	0	0	6,228	6,513
Presbytery fees	500	0	0	500	489
Ministry and support staff costs	51,177	1,142	0	52,319	49,389
Congregational running expenses	13,685	19,478	0	33,163	20,928
Donations to Missions and charities	0	13,510	0	13,510	16,313
Governance costs	300	0	0	300	300
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	71,890	34,130	0	106,020	93,932
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**TRINITY OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2023

**9. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0
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**10. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at John Street, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1DH, the Church Hall, the Sexton's House at 40 John Street, the Manse at 10 Mullaghmenagh Avenue, Omagh, Tyrone, BT78 5QH, and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £4,345.973

**11. INVESTMENTS**

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
General Investment Fund (22,056 shares)	274,057	256,949
Other investments	0	0
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	274,057	256,949
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Investments are omitted from the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as they are non-cash/bank related endowment funds.

**TRINITY OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**  
**31 December 2023**

**12. FUND BALANCES**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balance at start</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
General Fund	30,975	80,394	-72,780	7,614	-888	37,701
Total UF	30,975	80,394	-72,780	7,614	-888	37,701
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Property	60,261	10,946	-16,133	-5,187	0	55,074
United Appeal	172	7,211	-7,425	-214	42	0
World Development	0	4,885	-4,885	0	0	0
Moderator's Appeal	0	409	-409	0	0	0
Leprosy Mission	0	7	-7	0	0	0
Pres Children's Society	0	4	-4	0	0	0
Poppy Appeal	0	210	-210	0	0	0
Students' Bursary Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
PW	1,796	1,183	-861	322	0	2,118
Choir	1,815	78	-80	-2	0	1,813
Sunday School	0	430	-1,276	-846	846	0
Monteith	1,304	262	-1,304	-1,042	0	262
Presbyterian Heralds	0	394	-394	0	0	0
Bequest for Minister	0	1,142	-1,142	0	0	0
Total RF	65,348	27,161	-34,130	-6,969	888	59,267
<b>Endowment Funds</b>						
General Investment Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non GIF	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total EF	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>96,323</b>	<b>107,555</b>	<b>-106,910</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>96,968</b>

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# Annual report

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**TRINITY OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH IN IRELAND**

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

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105580)**

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Rev Robert Herron (resigned 31/12/2023)	Mr John Moore
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**Property**

The property is in good condition and repairs are carried out as required.

**Organisations**

Approximately 15 children and young people were involved in the Sunday School and Youth Bible Class. 25 women attended Presbyterian Women.

**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.

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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 172 contributors (i.e. families) during the year [168, in 2022] donating a total of £49,256 (£46,323 in 2022)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £107,555, compared to £103,429 in the previous year. Total expenditure increased to £106,910 (£94,746 in 2022).

The congregation prepares its accounts on a strict receipts and payments basis and includes only funds which are held in bank or cash balances. Other funds, which the congregation holds, in particular investments, are disclosed on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities."

**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) 2018 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

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

congregation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Kirk Session on 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 24 and signed on its behalf by:

*Jane Nelson*

Rev Jane Nelson

*Claire McElhinney*

Mrs Claire McElhinney

*Mr Ronald Keys*

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Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 24

Date: 23 Oct' 24

Date: 23/10/24

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# Annual return

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

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activity, statement of assets and liabilities and the related notes.

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

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with Section 6a(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- 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; and
- To 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. The 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 the trustees concerning 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
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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 examiners statement**

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

*Cathy Clyde*

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Cathy Clyde FCA  
Chartered Accountant  
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Date: 11/10/24

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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 168 contributors (i.e. families) during the year [180, in 2021] donating a total of £46,323 (£45,081 in 2021)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £103,529, compared to £90,886 in the previous year. Total expenditure increased to £94,746 (£86,340 in 2021).

The congregation prepares its accounts on a strict receipts and payments basis and includes only funds which are held in bank or cash balances. Other funds, which the congregation holds, in particular investments, are disclosed on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities."

### **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) 2018 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

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

congregation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Kirk Session on 30 January 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Robert Herron

Date: 30 January 2023



Mrs Claire McElhinney

Date: 30 January 2023



Mr Ronald Keys

Date: 30 January 2023

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

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activity, statement of assets and liabilities and the related notes.

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

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with Section 6a(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- 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; and
- To 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. The 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 the trustees concerning such matters.

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

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

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TRINITY OMAGH  
CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND (cont'd)**

**Independent examiners statement**

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

*Cathy Clyde*

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Cathy Clyde FCA  
Chartered Accountant  
22 Botera Upper Road  
Omagh  
Co Tyrone  
BT78 5DG

Date: *19 MAY 2023*

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


	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations and legacies	2	67,431	20,340	0	87,771	81,344
Charitable activities	3	0	160	0	160	0
Other trading activities	4	9,051	0	0	9,051	3,509
Investment Income	5	675	5,536	0	6,211	6,012
Other	6	0	336	0	336	21
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>77,157</b>	<b>26,372</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>103,529</b>	<b>90,886</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Raising funds	7	824	0	0	824	788
Charitable activities	8	68,550	25,382	0	93,932	85,552
Other	9	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>69,374</b>	<b>25,382</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>94,756</b>	<b>86,340</b>
Net receipts / (payments)		7,783	990	0	8,773	4,545
Transfers between funds		(111)	111	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		7,672	1,101	0	8,773	4,545
Gains on investments		0	0	0	0	0
Funds brought forward		23,303	64,247	0	87,550	83,005
Funds carried forward	12	30,975	65,348	0	96,323	87,550

**TRINITY OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

As at 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at start of year	23,303	64,247	0	87,550	83,005
Net movement in funds	7,672	1,101	0	8,773	4,545
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Bank and Cash at end of year	30,975	65,348	0	96,323	87,550
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<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Current Accounts				59,506	60,939
Bank Deposit Accounts				36,817	26,611
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				96,323	87,550
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<b>Other Assets</b>					
Fixed Assets - Note 10				-	-
Investments - Note 11				-	-
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<b>Net Assets</b>					
				-	-
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Approved by the Kirk Session on 30 January 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

  
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Rev Robert Herron

  
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Mrs Claire McElhinney

  
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Mr Ronald Keys

Date: 30 January 2023

Date: 30 January 2023

Date: 30 January 2023

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

**FUND ACCOUNTING**

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

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

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

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:	51,178	15,903	0	67,081	63,242
Loose collections	298	1,544	0	1,842	957
Donations and gifts	1,026	0	0	1,026	436
Gift Aid	11,929	2,893	0	14,822	14,709
Legacies and bequests	3,000	0	0	3,000	2,000
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	67,431	20,340	0	87,771	81,344
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**TRINITY OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**31 December 2022**

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	0	0	0	0	0
Fees from weddings and funerals	0	0	0	0	0
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0
Membership fees	0	160	0	160	0
Grants/Gifts					
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	0	160	0	160	0
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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	8,550	0	0	8,550	2863
Insurance of premises	487	0	0	487	633
Wayleave	14	0	0	14	13
Book Sales					
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	9,051	0	0	9,051	3,509
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**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	283	1	0	284	304
General Investment Fund	392	5,535	0	5,927	5,708
Rents investment properties	0	0	0	0	0
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	675	5,536	0	6,211	6,012
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**TRINITY OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2022

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	0	0	0	0	0
Other income	0	336	0	336	21
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	0	336	0	336	21
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**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	824	0	0	824	788
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0
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	824	0	0	824	788
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**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	6,513	0	0	6,513	7,154
Presbytery fees	489	0	0	489	502
Ministry and support staff costs	48,203	1,186	0	49,389	50,975
Congregational running expenses	13,045	7,883	0	20,928	13,278
Donations to Missions and charities	0	16,313	0	16,313	13,343
Governance costs	300	0	0	300	300
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	68,550	25,382	0	93,932	85,552
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**TRINITY OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2022**

**9. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0
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**10. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at John Street, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1DH, the Church Hall, the Sexton's House at 40 John Street, the Manse at 10 Mullaghmenagh Avenue, Omagh, Tyrone, BT78 5QH, and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £4,185,951.

**11. INVESTMENTS**

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

	2022	2021
	£	£
General Investment Fund (21953 shares each valued at £11.7045 on 26/10/2022)	256,949	278,781
Other investments	0	0
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	246,949	278,781
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Investments are omitted from the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as they are non-cash/bank related endowment funds.

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

**31 December 2022**

**12. FUND BALANCES**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balance at start</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
General Fund	23,303	77,157	(69,374)	7,783	(111)	30,975
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Total UF	23,303	77,157	(69,374)	7,783	(111)	30,975
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<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Property	59,099	7,830	(6,668)	1,162	0	60,261
United Appeal	0	7,726	(7,554)	172	0	172
World Development	0	5,149	(5,149)	0	0	0
Moderator's Appeal	0	1,860	(1,860)	0	0	0
Leprosy Mission	0	8	(8)	0	0	0
Pres Children's Society	0	536	(536)	0	0	0
Poppy Appeal	0	257	(257)	0	0	0
Students' Bursary Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
PW	2,058	926	(1,188)	(262)	0	1,796
Choir	1,905	60	(150)	(90)	0	1,815
Sunday School	140	239	(490)	(251)	111	0
Monteith	1,045	259	0	259	0	1,304
Presbyterian Heralds	0	336	(336)	0	0	0
Bequest for Minister	0	1,186	(1,186)	0	0	0
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Total RF	64,247	26,372	(25,382)	990	111	65,348
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<b>Endowment Funds</b>						
General Investment Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non GIF	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total EF	0	0	0	0	0	0
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<b>Totals</b>	<b>87,550</b>	<b>103,529</b>	<b>(94,756)</b>	<b>8,773</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>96,323</b>
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**Trinity Omagh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105580

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# Annual report

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**TRINITY OMAGH 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 (NIC105580)**

**TRINITY OMAGH 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**

Trinity Omagh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
Address: Mrs Claire McElhinney, 112 Clanabogan Road, Omagh, County Tyrone, BT78 1SN

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105580)

**CHARITY TRUSTEES**

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

Mr Wesley Atchison	Mr Samuel Knox
Mr Samuel Carson	Mrs Hazel McCay
Mrs Joan Cummins	Mr Robert McCay
Miss Gladys Cuthbertson	Mrs Dawn McClung
Mr Kenneth Duncan	Mrs Claire McElhinney
Mr Samuel Gallagher	Mr Arthur McFarland
Mr Andrew Hamilton	Mr Mitchell McKnight
Mr Niall Henry	Mr John Moore
Rev Robert Herron	Mr John Moore
Mr Colin Jardine	Mr Alfred Sayers
Mr Ronald Keys	

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister	Rev Robert Herron
Clerk of Session	Mrs Claire McElhinney
Treasurer	Mr Ronald Keys

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Cathy Clyde, 22 Botera Upper Road, Omagh, BT78 5DG

**BANKERS**

Ulster Bank, 14 High Street, Omagh BT78 1BJ

**SOLICITORS**

McConnell and Fyffe, 21 Church Street, Omagh BT78 1DG

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

**STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

**The Kirk Session**

The Charity Trustees of the congregation are the members of its Kirk Session. Under the congregation's governing document, The Code, the book of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Kirk Session seeks to watch over and promote the spiritual interest of the congregation and of persons not connected with any congregation who are within its bounds. It ensures pastoral care is in place in the congregation and seeks to further the contribution of the Church to Christian witness and service in the local community. The Kirk 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 congregation. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the minister in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held at least twice in each year or as appropriate.

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

**Presbytery**

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland's 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. Trinity Omagh congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Omagh 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.

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

### **The General Assembly**

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

### **DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

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

Trinity Omagh 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 members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

In Trinity Presbyterian Church, Omagh, we seek:  
to worship the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
to reconcile our multiple identities with our Presbyterian traditions;  
to contextualise what it means to be and belong to the Christian Church.

Living in the town of Omagh:  
where two rivers become one, and flow through the surrounding countryside, villages and towns,  
we seek to be open to the living water of God's Spirit and to share what we have received with others;

where four Christian churches are built on the same hill,  
we seek to share space, ideas, values and service with those who are close to us and differ from us;

where people are acutely aware of the destructive and painful consequences of human division, conflict, and power struggles,  
we seek to acknowledge our past and commit to be and become people of love, truth, justice and peace.

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

**ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

The congregation meets for worship at 11.30 am each Sunday and visitors are welcome. Throughout the year, the main Christian festivals, including Harvest Thanksgiving, are celebrated at worship services and through other related activities. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on the first Sunday of the year, Easter Sunday, and the first Sunday in October. New communicant members are received on profession of faith on Easter Sunday. The Sacrament of Baptism is administered through the year. Marriage ceremonies and Services of Thanksgiving (i.e. Funeral Services) are held when requested.

Other activities include:

**Sunday School**

The Sunday School meets during Church services from September to June. Classes are grouped according to the age of the children. The teachers operate on a rota basis. The curriculum is based on Biblical stories and themes and involves activities for the children. The Sunday School children also participate in a children's talk (normally a Bible story) during the morning worship service. During the year special events include: a children's service, Christmas party, barbecue. The Sunday School collection goes towards the annual Youth and Children's Project of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

**Bible Class**

The Bible Class, for young people of secondary school age, meets during church services from October to May. The curriculum followed is mainly based on bought in course material and focuses on Biblical stories and themes relevant to the lives of teenagers. The members of the Bible Class participate in Sunday worship services on special occasions during the year (readings, etc.) During the year, a special outing is arranged.

**Membership Classes**

Classes are held by the minister in the month of February. The course includes topics such as: the history, governance, central teachings, and sacraments of the Presbyterian Church. The privileges and responsibilities of membership of today's church are discussed and those who proceed to membership come before the Kirk Session and are invited to profess their faith in public at a church service (normally Easter Sunday).

**Presbyterian Women (shared with Gillygooley congregation)**

The group normally meets on the second Tuesday of each month during September to April and is open to all women in Gillygooley and Trinity congregations. Guest speakers are invited to speak on a variety of themes. There is a focus on mission and funds are raised for various missionary endeavours, including the work of the Mission Councils of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Occasionally special events are organised for the congregation.

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

Boys' Brigade (shared with First Omagh congregation)

The company meets in First Omagh on Tuesday nights during the months of September to April. There are three sections - company, junior and anchor boys. There is Scripture Class each night. Alongside the normal badge-work programme, the company takes part in sporting competitions and various special events are organised (e.g. outings sports events).

Choir

The Choir meets for practice on Thursday nights during the months of September to Easter. Choral pieces are performed by the choir on special occasions (Christmas, Easter, Harvest Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day, etc.) and at other occasions during the Christian year. Occasionally members sing solo parts and occasionally guest soloists and musicians accompany the choir. The organist prepares for and performs special music at each Sunday service.

Social Media

The congregation has a web page and uses Facebook to communicate with members and the wider community.

Church Magazine (shared with Gillygooley Congregation)

During the Covid pandemic the magazine has not been published.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Worship and prayer**

Music is an important part of our worship experience and congregational singing is accompanied by the organ and piano. The congregation also participates in worship through readings and responses.

Prayer for others is an essential part of congregational life and each Sunday there is a printed order of service that includes prayer topics for the church abroad and at home, including information about specific situations where there is human suffering and need.

During the year, the congregation acknowledged God's gift of new life at the baptism of seven children. Four young people were received into membership on profession of faith on Easter Sunday. There were ten funeral services.

On 31 December 2022 there were 350 communicant members and 212 families connected with the congregation.

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

**Pastoral care**

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited by the minister; the minister visits members when they are in hospital and residential or nursing homes; elders and committee members are allocated a district area. Members are encouraged to contact the minister as need arises.

**Mission and outreach**

The activities of local charities are publicised in congregational literature and members are encouraged to support and play an active part in their work. Many members have taken up this challenge.

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

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

**Presbytery**

The congregation was represented at the 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.

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

**Property**

The property is in good condition and repairs are carried out as required.

**Organisations**

Approximately 20 children and young people were involved in the Sunday School and Youth Bible Class. 20 women attended Presbyterian Women.

**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.

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

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 168 contributors (i.e. families) during the year [180, in 2021] donating a total of £46,323 (£45,081 in 2021)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £103,529, compared to £90,886 in the previous year. Total expenditure increased to £94,746 (£86,340 in 2021).

The congregation prepares its accounts on a strict receipts and payments basis and includes only funds which are held in bank or cash balances. Other funds, which the congregation holds, in particular investments, are disclosed on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities."

### **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) 2018 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

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

congregation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Kirk Session on 30 January 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Robert Herron

Date: 30 January 2023



Mrs Claire McElhinney

Date: 30 January 2023



Mr Ronald Keys

Date: 30 January 2023

**Trinity Omagh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105580

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# Annual return

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

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activity, statement of assets and liabilities and the related notes.

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

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with Section 6a(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- 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; and
- To 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. The 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 the trustees concerning such matters.

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

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

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF TRINITY OMAGH  
CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND (cont'd)**

**Independent examiners statement**

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

*Cathy Clyde*

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Date: *19 MAY 2023*