

Boveedy Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105587

Details

Status Received

Registered 2016-08-09

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

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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	£21,955	£27,874	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Johnston Gilmore		
Mr William Gordon		
Trevor Mccormick		

Boveedy Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

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Accounts

BOVEEDY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - FINANCIAL REPORT 2024

INCOME

Unrestricted Funds

Assessable Income

FWO	17,547
Loose Offerings	365
Gift Aid	4,043

21,955

Non Assessable Income

2,879 Table 1

Restricted / Endowment Funds

Property	3,871	Table 2
United Appeal	1,991	Table 3
Missions & Charities	40	Table 4
Organisations		Table 5
Sunday School	398	
Missionary	1,016	
PW	471	

Table 1

NIE Wayleave	17	
Gen Invest Fund	101	
Bank Interest	165	
Progressive Interest	2,596	
	2879	

Table 2

Harvest Off	3,132	
Gift Aid	739	
	3,871	

Table 3

United Appeal	1,556	
Gift Aid	435	
	1,991	

Table 4

RBL Poppy Appeal	40	
	40	

Table 5

<u>Sunday School</u>		
Bequest	74	
Children's Day Offering	230	
Gift Aid	92	
Bank Interest	2	
	398	

Missionary A/C

No 1 Mission Contrib.'s	162	
No 1 per Committee	358	
Trans from Sunday School	200	
Bequest Income	9	
United Carol Service	287	
	1,016	

PW

Gift Aid	57	
Mission Boxes	414	
	471	

EXPENDITURE

Unrestricted Funds

Assessments	18,043	Table 6
Other Congregational Exp	5,016	Table 7

Restricted / Endowment Funds

Property	864	Table 8
United Appeal	1,850	
Missions & Charities	890	Table 9
Organisations	1,487	Table 10

Table 6

Stated Supply & UC Assess	13,715
Ministerial Duties Allowance	2,946
Gen Assembly Assess	1,125
Pulpit Supply	130
Presbytery Fees	127
	18,043

Table 7

Share Manse Expenses	1,000
Printing / Photocopying	195
FWO Envelopes	240
Copyright Licence	259
Church Insurances	1,400
Power NI	1,047
Water Rates	83
Heating Oil	528
Barbeque Expenses	50
Bank Fees	214
	5,016

Table 8

Ballymena Fire Extinguishers	584
Lawnmower Petrol	40
Lawnmower Blades	40
Window Cleaning	200
	864

Table 9

Leprosy Mission	180
Pres Children's Society	150
Royal British Legion	40
Trans to Mission a/c	520
	890

Table 10

<u>Sunday School</u>		
Go Teach resources	31	
Prizes	152	
Transfer to Missionary A/c	200	
Bank Fees	31	
	414	

Missionary Account

Claire & Amir Arian	120
Belfast City Mission	120
Adrian & Judith Stewart	120
Helping Hands	120
Feba Radio	120
	600

PW

PW Service (D Cupples)	60
Mission Boxes (PW Office)	413
	473

Balance Summaries 2024

	Opening	Closing
Unrestricted Funds	10,715	11,803
Restricted Funds		
Repair & Maintenance	53,484	56,492
Restricted Organisational Funds		
Sunday School	1,714	1,698
Missionary Account	568	985
PW Account	1,078	1,076
Total Restricted Organisational Funds	3,360	3,759
Investment Funds		
Progressive Investment	55,000	55,000
Total Opening Balances	122,559	
Total Closing Balances	127,054	
Surplus	4,495	

Boveedy Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

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INCOME 2023

Unrestricted Funds

Assessable Income

FWO	16,750
Loose Offerings	283
Gift Aid	3,789
Total	20,822

Non Assessable Income

Donation	40 ¹
General Bequests	99 ²
NIE Refund & Wayleave	617 ³
Bank Interest	1,815 ⁴
Total	2,571

Restricted / Endowment Funds

General Account	185	Table 1
Property	3,921	Table 2
United Appeal	2,151	Table 3
Missions & Charities Organisations	25	Table 4
	1,515	Table 5
Total	7,797	

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- 2 General Investment Fund (Sun Sch & Missionary shown in those a/c)
- 3 NIE Refunds £600, NIE Wayleave £17
- 4 Bank Interest £156, Progressive Investment Interest £1659

EXPENDITURE 2023

Unrestricted Funds

Assessments	17,389	Table 6
Other Congregational Expenses	5,054	Table 7
TOTAL	22,443	

Restricted / Endowment Funds

Property	132	Table 8
United Appeal	2,024	
Missions & Charities Organisations	1,117	Table 9
	1,360	Table 10
TOTAL	4,633	

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BALANCE SUMMARIES 2023

	Opening Balance	Closing Balance
Unrestricted Funds	10545	10715
Restricted Funds		
Repair & Maintenance	49696	53484
Restricted Organisational Funds		
Sunday School Account	1486	1714
Mission Account	669	568
PW Account	1050	1078
Total Restricted Organisational Funds	3205	3360
INVESTMENT FUNDS		
Progressive Investment	55000	55000

Open Bal	118,446
2023 Surplus	4113
Close Bal	122,559

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Annual report

**BOVEEDY 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 (NIC 105587)

BOVEEDY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT.

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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CHARITY TRUSTEES

Johnston Gilmore
William Gordon
Trevor McCormick

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Trevor J McCormick
Clerk of Session	Johnston Gilmore
Treasurer	Alison Gilmore

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Ian Laughlin
21 Grove Road, Garvagh, BT51 5NX

BANKERS

Danske Bank
P.O. Box 183, Donegall Square West, Belfast BT1 6JS

BOVEEDY 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 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.

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

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Boveedy congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Coleraine and Limavady Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

BOVEEDY 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.

Boveedy 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 Scripture, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregation's mission purposes is *by the grace of God, to help people of all ages become fully committed followers of Jesus Christ.*

Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:

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

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice. The congregation aims to live out its Mission and Vision as a family of God's people by being:

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

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

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed at least twice during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds regular Bible study meetings in partnership with First Kilrea Congregation and has the following organisations:

- Sunday School
- Bible Class
- PW
- Missionary Committee

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 12.30pm (10.00am during July and August). After the Pandemic restrictions there are a few occasional evening services, eg Harvest and Carols. Praise is led by our dedicated organist and a group of faithful singers come together for special services. During the week the Bible study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship and study of the scriptures.

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledge God's gift of new life at Sacraments of Baptism, and we conduct marriage services of members, and give thanks for faithful service and seek to comfort those who have been bereaved during the year.

At the 31 December 2023 there were 48 communicant members and 44 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 22.

Pastoral Care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to illness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders or by other members of the congregation.

Mission and Outreach

At a local level the congregation encourages regular prayerful and financial support of a range of charitable and mission agencies and individuals. In 2023 support was given to: Presbyterian Children's Society, The Leprosy Mission, Royal British Legion, Stand by Me, Belfast City Mission, C & A Arian, A & J Stewart, Helping Hands, Feba Radio.

The Congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The fund enables congregations to support the wider mission of the denomination and to mission and outreach on a denominational basis beyond what the congregation could not do on its own. The United Appeal Fund provides financial support for

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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 congregational life in the areas of worship, global mission, outreach leadership and pastoral care.

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

Presbytery

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of the Presbytery of Coleraine and Limavady by our minister and one of the elders, Mr William Gordon. This provides an important link between the congregation and the wider structures of the Church.

General Assembly

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

Property

There were no major repairs to property in 2023. Routine upkeep and minor maintenance has ensured that buildings are fit for purpose, and pleasant and safe place to meet.

Organisations

The Sunday School and Bible Class meet weekly except during July and August. A syllabus of Bible teaching is followed and a range of age-appropriate activities and take-home sheets are used. In June there is a Sunday School service shared with our partner congregation, First Kilrea, when the children and Young People lead the congregation in worship and review some of the lessons used during the year.

PW meets monthly from September to March. There is an Annual Service and a varied programme of speakers and member-led meetings shared with the members of First Kilrea. The Annual theme is developed through the opening devotions and members are encouraged to develop and maintain an interest in various missionary projects. There are opportunities to meet with other PW members at Presbytery Link meetings, the Annual Rally and Breakfast. Invitations to join other groups are regularly received.

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Volunteers

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on the Congregational Committee, and helping in organisations and other church activities.

Particular thanks are given to those who volunteer to work cleaning the church and maintaining the graveyard. Also the Spring and Autumn tidy-ups in the building and its surrounds is only possible through the commitment of several faithful members.

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

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

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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 Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance.

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

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is member's contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 38 contributing families during the year (39 in the previous year 2022) donating a total of £20,822 (£20,319 in the previous year 2022)

Total income of the congregation during the year was £31,190, compared to £28,675 in the previous year.

Total expenditure decreased from £31,566 to £27,076.

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.

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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. That 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 24th October 2024 and signed on its behalf by



(Name) *TREVOR MCCORMICK*

(Date) *27 October 2024*



(Name) *WILLIAM JOHNSTON GILMORE*

(Date) *27-10-24*

Boveedy Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105587

Annual return

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BOVEEDY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Boveedy Presbyterian Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December *2023*.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity Trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('The Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act: or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed *Ian Laughlin*

Name *IAN LAUGHLIN*

Profession *FARMER*

Address *21 GROVE RD, CARVAGH*

Date *29.10.2024*

Boveedy Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105587

Accounts

INCOME 2020

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

FWO	17,742
Loose Offering	628
Gift Aid	3,931
Other Income	62
General Bequests	2
Interest on Gen Funds	<u>179</u>
	22,544

Table 1

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Property/Build Fund	9,215
Missions & Charities	3,506
Organisations	
PW	1,018
Sunday School	241
Savings & Invests	<u>25,567</u>
	39,547

Table 2

Table 3

Table 4

Table 5

Table 6

EXPENDITURE 2020

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Gen Assembly Assess	13,707
Congregational Expenses	
	<u>7,340</u>
	21,047

Table 7

Table 8

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Property	15,924
Missions & Charities	3,916
Organisations	973
Other Funds	<u>25,000¹</u>
	45,813

Table 9

Table 10

Table 11

INCOME

Table 1

Pres Heralds	45
NIE Wayleave	13
Gift Aid Donation	<u>4</u>
	62

Table 2

Harvest & Repair Envelopes	3,181
Gift Aid	888
Mrs M Cooke Dec'd	<u>5,146</u>
	9,215

Table 3

Un.Appeal & Others	2,130
Gift Aid	371
World Dev Gift Aid	78
Moderator's Appeal	818
Royal British Legion	81
Bequests	<u>28</u>
	3,506

Table 4

Gift Night	250
Gift Aid	119
Mission Boxes	<u>649</u>
	1,018

Table 5

Children's Day Offering.	85
Bequest Income	51
Gift Aid	53
Don Mr & Mrs J Alexander	50
Interest	<u>2</u>
	241

Table 6

Prog Build Soc Bequest	516
Prog Build Soc Invest	51
Interest Free Loan	<u>25,000</u>
	25,567

EXPENDITURE

Table 7

Stated Supply & Ass	12,167
Gen Assembly Ass	<u>1,540</u>
	13,707

Table 8

Ministerial Expenses	2,570
1 st Kilrea Manse	1,000
Organist	235
Presbytery Fees	90
Church Insurance	1,141
NI Electricity	578
Oil	450
Water Rates	68
Copyright Licence	212
Printing/Copying/CD's	230
FWO Envelopes	220
Pres Heralds	45
TryPraying Banner	20
Easter Books	50
Braid for Pews	7
Communion Expenses	9
Bank Fees	85
Pres Orphan Soc	150
Leprosy Mission	<u>180</u>
	7,340

Table 9

Boiler Repairs	338
Kitchen/Toilet Windows	6,000
Kitchen Repairs	1,400
Kitchen Radiators	420
Painting	983
Roof Repairs	3,810
Church Sign	180
Lettering Front Board	40
Gift re Door Handles	60
New Piano	2,300
Sound Equipment	150
Window Cleaning	220
Lawnmower Fuel	<u>23</u>
	15,924

EXPENDITURE

Table 10

United Appeal	2,089
World Development	78
Moderator's App	819
Royal British Legion	81
A & J Stewart	125
Claire & Amir Arian	350
Helping Hands	125
Belfast City Mission	125
FEBA Radio	<u>125</u>
	3,916

Table 11

Sunday School	
Materials	68
Prizes	178
Bank Fees	1
PW	
Speakers	50
CD's & Leaflets	27
PW Mission Boxes	<u>649</u>
	973

¹ Repayment of Interest Free Loan

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Boveedy Congregation
of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland



**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2020**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC 105587)

BOVEEDY 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 2020 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Boveedy congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Boveedy Road,
Kilrea
Co Londonderry
BT51 5XU

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105587)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Mr Austin Gibson,	Retired	24 th August 2020
Mr Johnston Gilmore		
Rev Raymond Kelly	Appointed	1 September 2020
Rev Dr Trevor McCormick (Chairman)		
Mr Ivan McKane	Appointed	1 September 2020
Mr Robert McKinney	Retired	24 th August 2020
Mr Basil Moore	Appointed	1 September 2020

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Rev. Dr Trevor J McCormick
Clerk of Session	Mr Johnston Gilmore
Treasurer	Mrs Alison Gilmore

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mr Ian Laughlin, 21 Grove Road, Garvagh, BT51 5NX

BANKERS

Danske Bank, Bank Square, Kilrea, Co Londonderry, BT51 5QS

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

THE KIRK SESSION

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held at least 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 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. Boveedy Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland has been assigned to the Presbytery Coleraine and Limavady 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. During the period covered by this report Mr Robert McKinney was appointed to represent the congregation at Presbytery meetings and events.

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. During the period covered by this report Mr Johnston Gilmore was appointed to represent the congregation at the General Assembly.

Boveedy Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland



DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

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

The congregation's mission purposes is by the grace of God, to help people of all ages become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:

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

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along the the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice. The congregation aims to live out its Mission and Vision as a family of God's people by being:

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

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

Worship and prayer

January – March 2020

The congregation met for worship every Sunday at 12:30pm and occasionally at 7:00pm, and visitors were welcome to join. Praise was led by our dedicated organist and a faithful choir.

The congregation held regular bible study meetings in partnership with First Kilrea Congregation. This provided an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

The Sunday School and Bible Class met weekly with a syllabus of Bible teaching followed with a range of age-appropriate activities and take-home sheets are used. Children's Church took place during the morning service and provided a time for further learning in a relaxed environment for primary school girls and boys

April – December 2020

As a result of restrictions due to the coronavirus pandemic the regular pattern of worship and activities altered from March 2020. Worship continued in Drive-In format and recordings of the services were made available to all members by email or CD. Bible studies and times of prayer were conducted via the Zoom platform.

At 31 December 2020 there were 50 families including 66 communicant members connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 40

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are ill in hospital or unable to attend church due to sickness or age have been visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders and by other members of the congregation in accordance with Covid-19 protocols.

Funerals have been conducted in accordance with the Covid-19 protocols as we have given thanks to God and sought to comfort those who have been bereaved.

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Mission and outreach

Members of the congregation have been encouraged to participate in various church-based organisations. In the small community in which the congregation is placed it is more enriching and practical to encourage children and young people to engage with others in neighbouring congregations in Boys' Brigade, Girls' Brigade, Youth Club, and Youth Fellowship although the periods of 'lockdown' have limited these opportunities.

The congregation organises a PW group for ladies and stimulates Overseas Missionary interest and support through a Missionary Committee. In 2020 support was given to Leprosy Mission, Presbyterian Children's Society, Adrian & Judith Stewart (Brazil), Claire & Amir Arian (London), Helping Hands (Philippines), Belfast City Mission, FEBA Radio, Stand by Me, Royal British Legion and Latinlink.

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Particular thanks are given to those who volunteer for the cleaning and graveyard rotas and those who keep the building and its surrounds in good order. Each year we keep before the congregation the Apostle Paul's statement - "We are workers together for Christ".

PROPERTY

The Congregational Committee addressed the damp issues in the kitchen area with the installation of new windows in the kitchen and adjoining toilets. The roof of this section of the building was also replaced. Appropriate redecoration was also completed.

A new electronic piano was purchased out of a legacy from the estate of a former member the late Mrs G Cooke.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering and Building Fund. There were 48 contributors during the year (49 in previous year, 2019) donating a total of £26,926 (£26,631 in previous year, 2019)

The congregation also received the final balance of a legacy from the estate of the late Mrs Gretta Cooke of £5,146 (total legacy £37,146) which has been directed to Property Account.

The offer of an interest free loan was declined by the Trustees and returned to the donor.

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £62,091 this included an interest free loan which was returned, compared to £64,615 in the previous year. (This included the interim payment of legacy of £32,000)

Total expenditure increased from £29,439 (2019) to £66,860 (2020). The additional expenditure relates to the Property Account and return of interest free loan.

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Signed on behalf of the Trustees by

Trevor J. McCormick

Name Trevor McCormick

Date 29 October 2021

W. Johnston Gilmore

Name W. JOHNSTON GILMORE

Date 28-10-21

Boveedy Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105587

Annual return

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Signed Ian Laughlin
Name IAN LAUGHLIN
Profession FARMER
Address 21 GROVE RD, GARVAGH
Date 29th OCTOBER 2021

(To be provided by the Independent Examiner)