

# First Stewartstown Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105606

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2016-08-10

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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

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

**How the charity works:** Religious activities

**Who the charity helps:** General public

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£133,026	£138,506	£0	0

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Dickey		
Bert Adams		
Miller Glendinning		
Mr John Sinclair		
Mrs Linda Ferguson		

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**First Stewartstown Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105606

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# Accounts

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**FIRST STEWARTSTOWN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105606)**

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

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations and legacies	40589	2411	43000	40449
Charitable activities	78	45167	45245	49013
Other trading activities	-	4160	4160	4160
Investment Income	278	38890	39168	23224
Other	1253	200	1453	6961
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<b>Total Receipts</b>	42198	90828	133026	123807
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<b>Payments</b>				
Raising funds	360	-	360	360
Charitable activities	42824	58621	101445	128250
Investment costs				
Other	-	36701	36701	8112
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<b>Total Payments</b>	43184	95322	138506	136722
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Net receipts / (payments)	(986)	(4494)	(5480)	(12915)
Transfers between funds	(3210)	3210	-	-
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Net movement in funds	(4196)	(1284)	(5480)	(12915)
Funds brought forward	11759	77930	89689	102604
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Funds carried forward	7563	76646	84209	89689
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**FIRST STEWARTSTOWN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**As at 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>				
Bank and Cash at start of year	11759	77930	89689	102604
Net movement in funds	(4196)	(1284)	(5480)	(12915)
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Bank and Cash at end of year	7563	76646	84209	89689
	=====	=====	=====	=====
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>				
Bank Deposit Accounts	-	-	-	-
Bank Current Accounts	7563	74392	81955	87435
Cash in Hand	-	-	-	-
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			81955	87435
			=====	=====
<b>Other Assets</b>				
Fixed Assets – Note 10				
- Church Premises				
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment				
- Vehicles				
Investments – Note 11			2254	2254
Gift Aid receivable on donations				
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			84209	89689
			=====	=====
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Loans				
Other				
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			=====	=====

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 16/10/25 and signed on its behalf by

[Name] *w. m. glendinning*

[Date] *16/10/2025*

[Name] *B Adams*

[Date] *16/10/25*

**FIRST STEWARTSTOWN 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>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:				
Loose collections and FWO	32243	1380	33623	32079
Donations and gifts	2546	800	3346	2433
Gift Aid	5800	231	6031	5937
Legacies and bequest	-	-	-	-
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	40589	2411	43000	40449
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**FIRST STEWARTSTOWN 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>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	8	45167	45175	48413
Fees from weddings and funerals	20	-	20	-
Headstone Erections	50	-	50	-
Membership fees	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	600
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	78	45167	45245	49013
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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Manse Rental Income	-	4160	4160	4160
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	-	4160	4160	4160
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**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	-	1405	1405	972
General Investment Fund	-	-	-	-
Farmland Lettings	-	21545	21545	21682
Other investment income	278	15940	16218	570
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	278	38890	39168	23224
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**FIRST STEWARTSTOWN 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>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Magazines	393	-	393	216
Insurance Claims	-	-	-	5835
Heat & Light Contribution	860	-	860	910
Other Income	-	200	200	-
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	1253	200	1453	6961
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**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	360	-	360	360
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	360	-	360	360
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**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	24107	-	24107	23154
Presbytery fees	231	-	231	173
Ministry and support staff costs	6550	-	6550	6346
Congregational running expenses	11916	50740	62656	88651
Donations to Missions and charities	20	7881	7901	9926
Governance costs	-	-	-	-
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	42824	58621	101445	128250
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**FIRST STEWARTSTOWN 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>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Brigh Manse Repairs	-	-	-	-
Property Expenses	-	36701	36701	8112
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	-	36701	36701	8112
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**10. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at Stewartstown and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. In addition the church previously received a legacy of agricultural land. This farm is let out under a seasonal letting arrangement.

**11. INVESTMENTS**

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

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
General Investment Fund		
Property		
Other investments – RBS Shares	2254	2254
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	2254	2254
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**FIRST STEWARTSTOWN 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>Transfer</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
No 1 Account	11759	42198	43184	(986)	(3210)	7563
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	11759	42198	43184	(986)	(3210)	7563
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<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Repair Fund No 2 Account	12410	6964	38781	(31817)	30000	10593
Farm Account No 3 Account	52874	38697	2682	36015	(35080)	53809
United Appeal	-	-	2711	(2711)	2711	-
Children's Society	-	-	40	(40)	40	-
Christian Aid	-	-	50	(50)	50	-
Belfast City Mission	-	-	500	(500)	500	-
Wycliffe Bible Translators	-	-	2580	(2580)	2580	-
S & A Cowan	-	-	500	(500)	500	-
Irish Mission	-	-	500	(500)	500	-
OMS – Kelly's	-	-	500	(500)	500	-
Open Doors	-	-	500	(500)	500	-
Café Connect	4641	35562	36213	(651)	-	3990
Girls Brigade	1202	8172	8013	159	-	1361
Sunday School	633	730	505	225	-	858
Youth Fellowship	239	2	112	(110)	-	129
PW	1589	204	296	(92)	-	1497
Bowling Club	935	175	113	62	-	997
Parents & Tots	559	322	317	5	-	564
Family Club	594	-	-	-	-	594
Magazines	-	-	409	(409)	409	-
RBS Shares	2254	-	-	-	-	2254
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	77930	90828	95322	(4494)	3210	76646
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<b>Total</b>	<b>89689</b>	<b>133026</b>	<b>138506</b>	<b>(5480)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>84209</b>
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# Accounts

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**Financial Statements  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations and legacies	39124	1325	40449	44783
Charitable activities	1569	47444	49013	47093
Other trading activities	-	4160	4160	4160
Investment Income	570	22654	23224	22554
Other	1126	5835	6961	1137
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<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>42389</b>	<b>81418</b>	<b>123807</b>	<b>119727</b>
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<b>Payments</b>				
Raising funds	360	-	360	354
Charitable activities	44940	83310	128250	103324
Investment costs				
Other	-	8112	8112	23304
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<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>45300</b>	<b>91422</b>	<b>136722</b>	<b>126982</b>
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Net receipts / (payments)	(2911)	(10004)	(12915)	(7255)
Transfers between funds	5153	(5153)	-	-
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Net movement in funds	2242	(15157)	(12915)	(7255)
Funds brought forward	9517	93087	102604	109859
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Funds carried forward	11759	77930	89689	102604
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FIRST STEWARTSTOWN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>				
Bank and Cash at start of year	9517	93087	102604	109859
Net movement in funds	2242	(15157)	(12915)	(7255)
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Bank and Cash at end of year	11759	77930	89689	102604
	=====	=====	=====	=====
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>				
Bank Deposit Accounts	-	-	-	711
Bank Current Accounts	11759	75676	87435	99639
Cash in Hand	-	-	-	-
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			87435	100350
			=====	=====
<b>Other Assets</b>				
Fixed Assets – Note 10				
- Church Premises				
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment				
- Vehicles				
Investments – Note 11			2254	2254
Gift Aid receivable on donations				
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			89689	102604
			=====	=====
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Loans				
Other				
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			=====	=====

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 4/9/2024 and signed on its behalf by

[Name] *W. Wilson*

[Name] *W.A. Duff*

[Date] *4/9/24*

[Date] *4/9/24*

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**31 December 2023**

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**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:				
Loose collections and FWO	30754	1325	32079	31082
Donations and gifts	2433	-	2433	5348
Gift Aid	5937	-	5937	5724
Legacies and bequest	-	-	-	2629
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	39124	1325	40449	44783
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**FIRST STEWARTSTOWN 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>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	969	47444	48413	33365
Fees from weddings and funerals	-	-	-	-
Headstone Erections	-	-	-	-
Membership fees	-	-	-	1878
Grants	600	-	600	11850
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	1569	47444	49013	47093
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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
Manse Rental Income	-	4160	4160	4160
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	-	4160	4160	4160
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**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	-	972	972	152
General Investment Fund	-	-	-	-
Farmland Lettings	-	21682	21682	21695
Other investment income	570	-	570	707
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	570	22654	23224	22554
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**FIRST STEWARTSTOWN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
Magazines	216	-	216	300
Insurance Claims	-	5835	5835	-
Heat & Light Contribution	910	-	910	460
Other Income	-	-	-	377
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	1126	5835	6961	1137
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**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	360	-	360	354
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	360	-	360	354
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**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	23154	-	23154	21724
Presbytery fees	173	-	173	173
Ministry and support staff costs	6346	-	6346	5750
Congregational running expenses	15247	73404	88651	63912
Donations to Missions and charities	20	9906	9926	11765
Governance costs	-	-	-	-
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	44940	83310	128250	103324
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**FIRST STEWARTSTOWN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**9. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
Brigh Manse Repairs	-	-	-	-
Property Expenses	-	8112	8112	23304
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	-	8112	8112	23304
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**10. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at Stewartstown and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. In addition the church previously received a legacy of agricultural land. This farm is let out under a seasonal letting arrangement.

**11. INVESTMENTS**

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

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
General Investment Fund		
Property		
Other investments – RBS Shares	2254	2254
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	2254	2254
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**FIRST STEWARTSTOWN 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>Transfer</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
No 1 Account	9517	42389	45300	(2911)	5153	11759
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	9517	42389	45300	(2911)	5153	11759
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<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Repair Fund No 2 Account	16910	5657	10412	(4755)	255	12410
Farm Account No 3 Account	60002	28317	19865	8452	(15580)	52874
United Appeal	-	-	3285	(3285)	3285	-
Children's Society	-	-	-	-	-	-
Christian Aid	-	-	1041	(1041)	1041	-
Moderator's Appeal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Belfast City Mission	-	-	500	(500)	500	-
Wycliffe Bible Translators	-	-	2580	(2580)	2580	-
S & A Cowan	-	-	500	(500)	500	-
Irish Mission	-	-	500	(500)	500	-
OMS – Kelly's	-	-	500	(500)	500	-
Air Ambulance NI	-	-	500	(500)	500	-
Open Doors	-	-	500	(500)	500	-
Café Connect	5987	38934	40280	(1346)	-	4641
Girls Brigade	2785	7297	8880	(1583)	-	1202
Sunday School	776	360	503	(143)	-	633
Youth Fellowship	605	5	371	(366)	-	239
PW	1784	230	425	(195)	-	1589
Bowling Club	866	179	110	69	-	935
Parents & Tots	524	439	404	35	-	559
Family Club	594	-	-	-	-	594
Magazines	-	-	266	(266)	266	-
RBS Shares	2254	-	-	-	-	2254
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	93087	81418	91422	(10004)	(5153)	77930
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<b>Total</b>	<b>102604</b>	<b>123807</b>	<b>136722</b>	<b>(12915)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89689</b>
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**First Stewartstown Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105606

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# Annual report

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**FIRST STEWARTSTOWN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN  
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**Trustees Annual Report  
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105606)**

## **FIRST STEWARTSTOWN 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**

FIRST STEWARTSTOWN Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
32 Hill Head  
Stewartstown  
Dungannon  
Co. Tyrone  
BT71 5HY

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105606)

### **CHARITY TRUSTEES**

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

Bert Adams  
Miller Glendinning

Ian Millar  
Rev Alan Dickey

### **PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister  
Clerk of Session  
Treasurer

Rev Alan Dickey  
Miller Glendinning  
Linda Ferguson

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

McKinney Dawson (Accountants)  
28 Union Street  
Cookstown  
Co. Tyrone  
BT80 8NN

**BANKERS**

Ulster Bank Ltd  
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## **FIRST STEWARTSTOWN 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 congregations. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the minister in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held 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. First Stewartstown congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Tyrone 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.

## **FIRST STEWARTSTOWN 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.

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

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

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

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

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

## **FIRST STEWARTSTOWN 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 attend. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed 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 and has a wide range of organisations including:

- Sunday School
- Bible Class
- Parents and Tots
- Bowling Club
- Girls Brigade Company
- Youth Fellowship
- Presbyterian Women
- Ladies in Christ (LinC)

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

#### **Worship and prayer**

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11:00 am. During the week the Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the Scriptures and for a time of prayer.

During our regular services this year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at one Sacrament of Baptism.

At 31 December 2023 there were 73 communicant members and 50 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship was 45.

#### **Pastoral care**

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

#### **Mission and outreach**

At a local level the congregation held a Holiday Bible Club Week called Rock Solid, and a Coffee Bar to reach out into the village and surrounding area. The congregation also sends donations to the World Development Appeal, to other missions and other Christian workers.

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

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

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

### **Presbytery**

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

### **General Assembly**

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

### **Property**

Regular maintenance and upkeep of buildings and grounds was ongoing throughout the year.

### **Organisations**

On Sunday mornings the Sunday School and Bible Class (av. attendance 12) use the hall, and on Sunday evenings the Youth Fellowship use the hall (av. attendance 10).

On the first Monday of each month from September to April Presbyterian Women meet (av. attendance 20).

On Tuesday mornings our hall is used by our Parent and Tots group (av. attendance 30).

On Tuesday evenings the bowling club (av. attendance 18) meet and enjoy meeting other church teams for league and friendly matches.

On Wednesday evenings the mid-week Bible study and prayer meeting is held in the hall (av. attendance 18).

Once a month LinC meets on a Thursday, alternating between Brigh and Stewartstown.

On Friday evenings the Girls Brigade Company meet (av. attendance 65).

For one week in either July or August the halls are used for a Holiday Bible Club for primary school aged children (av. attendance 50) and a Coffee Bar for teenagers (av. attendance 12).

On Saturday mornings the halls are used by Stewartstown Amateur Dramatic Society to practice for their annual community pantomime.

The hall is also used for the annual Stewartstown Faith Mission Conference in January and Stewartstown Boys Brigade in March/April for their annual parents' night.

### **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.

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

**PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

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

The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and in the Church's subordinate standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms) leading to spiritual and moral development and opportunities for response to Bible teaching. In turn, this framework leads to practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need (including the sick, disabled and bereaved).

Generally the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

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

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

The Kirk Session has had regard to the Charity Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

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

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 82 contributors during the year [87 in previous year, 2022] donating a total of £30,754 (£29,171 in previous year, 2022)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £123,807, compared to £119,727 in the previous year. The main reason for the change was the income from an insurance claim.

Total expenditure increased from £126,982 to £136,722. The increase in costs is due to extra Café Connect expenses.

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

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

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 4/9/2024 and signed on its behalf by

[Name] *W. Miller Glendinning*

[Date] *4/9/24*

[Name] *W.A. Duff*

[Date] *4/9/24*

**First Stewartstown Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105606

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# Annual return

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**FIRST STEWARTSTOWN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**Independent Examiner's Report  
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105606)**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FIRST STEWARTSTOWN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

I report on the accounts of First Stewartstown Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out in the '1 Stewartstown Charity Comm Accounts 2023'.

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

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act.
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under section 65 (9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65 (9)(b) of the Charity Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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

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

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

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

Randal McKinney, McKinney Dawson Accountants, 28 Union Street, Cookstown, BT80 8NN

**First Stewartstown Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105606

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# Accounts

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**FIRST STEWARTSTOWN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105606)**

**FIRST STEWARTSTOWN 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	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies		38912	5871	44783	39932
Charitable activities		-	47093	47093	4168
Other trading activities		-	4160	4160	4160
Investment Income		707	21847	22554	14180
Other		1009	128	1137	260
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<b>Total Receipts</b>		40628	79099	119727	62700
		-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Payments</b>					
Raising funds		354	-	354	354
Charitable activities		42520	60804	103324	72057
Investment costs					
Other		-	23304	23304	14680
		-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total Payments</b>		42874	84108	126982	87091
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Net receipts / (payments)		(2246)	(5009)	(7255)	(24391)
Transfers between funds		4553	(4553)	-	-
		-----	-----	-----	-----
Net movement in funds		2307	(9562)	(7255)	(24391)
Funds brought forward		7210	102649	109859	134250
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Funds carried forward		9517	93087	102604	109859
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**FIRST STEWARTSTOWN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**As at 31 December 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>				
Bank and Cash at start of year	7210	102649	109859	134250
Net movement in funds	2307	(9562)	(7255)	(24391)
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Bank and Cash at end of year	9517	93087	102604	109859
	=====	=====	=====	=====
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>				
Bank Deposit Accounts	-	711	711	-
Bank Current Accounts	9517	90122	99639	107605
Cash in Hand	-	-	-	-
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			100350	107605
			=====	=====
<b>Other Assets</b>				
Fixed Assets – Note 10				
- Church Premises				
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment				
- Vehicles				
Investments – Note 11			2254	2254
Gift Aid receivable on donations				
			-----	-----
			102604	109859
			=====	=====
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Loans				
Other				
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			=====	=====

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 21/9/23 and signed on its behalf by

[Name] *W.M. Glendinning*

[Date] *21/9/23*

[Name] *W.A. Kelly*

[Date] *21/9/23*

**FIRST STEWARTSTOWN 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>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:				
Loose collections and FWO	29171	1911	31082	28764
Donations and gifts	4017	1331	5348	5881
Gift Aid	5724	-	5724	5287
Legacies and bequest	-	2629	2629	-
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	38912	5871	44783	39932
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**FIRST STEWARTSTOWN 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>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	-	33365	33365	1443
Fees from weddings and funerals	-	-	-	100
Headstone Erections	-	-	-	-
Membership fees	-	1878	1878	625
Grants	-	11850	11850	2000
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	-	47093	47093	4168
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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£
Manse Rental Income	-	4160	4160	4160
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	-	4160	4160	4160
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**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	-	152	152	131
General Investment Fund	-	-	-	-
Farmland Lettings	-	21695	21695	13525
Other investment income	707	-	707	524
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	707	21847	22554	14180
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**FIRST STEWARTSTOWN 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>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£
Magazines	300	-	300	-
Insurance Claims	-	-	-	-
Heat & Light Contribution	460	-	460	260
Other Income	249	128	377	-
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	1009	128	1137	260
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**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	354	-	354	354
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	354	-	354	354
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**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	21724	-	21724	21032
Presbytery fees	173	-	173	173
Ministry and support staff costs	5750	-	5750	5763
Congregational running expenses	14853	49059	63912	36989
Donations to Missions and charities	20	11745	11765	8100
Governance costs	-	-	-	-
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	42520	60804	103324	72057
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**FIRST STEWARTSTOWN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2022**

**9. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£
Brigh Manse Repairs	-	-	-	-
Property Expenses	-	23304	23304	14680
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	-	23304	23304	14680
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**10. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at Stewartstown and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. In addition the church previously received a legacy of agricultural land. This farm is let out under a seasonal letting arrangement.

**11. INVESTMENTS**

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

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
General Investment Fund		
Property		
Other investments – RBS Shares	2254	2254
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	2254	2254
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**FIRST STEWARTSTOWN 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>Transfer</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
No 1 Account	7210	40628	42874	(2246)	4553	9517
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	7210	40628	42874	(2246)	4553	9517
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<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Repair Fund No 2 Account	14322	8186	25384	(17198)	19786	16910
Farm Account No 3 Account	75577	31559	12254	19305	(34880)	60002
United Appeal	-	-	2859	(2859)	2859	-
Children's Society	-	-	-	-	-	-
Christian Aid	-	-	22	(22)	22	-
Moderator's Appeal	-	-	1730	(1730)	1730	-
Belfast City Mission	-	-	500	(500)	500	-
Wycliffe Bible Translators	-	-	2580	(2580)	2580	-
S & A Cowan	-	-	500	(500)	500	-
Irish Mission	-	-	500	(500)	500	-
OMS – Kelly's	-	-	500	(500)	500	-
Megan Beahr	-	-	500	(500)	500	-
Open Doors	-	-	500	(500)	500	-
Café Connect	-	31616	25629	5987	-	5987
Girls Brigade	5275	6449	8939	(2490)	-	2785
Sunday School	661	457	342	115	-	776
Youth Fellowship	958	1	354	(353)	-	605
PW	1862	232	310	(78)	-	1784
Bowling Club	821	130	85	45	-	866
Parents & Tots	325	469	270	199	-	524
Family Club	594	-	-	-	-	594
Magazines	-	-	350	(350)	350	-
RBS Shares	2254	-	-	-	-	2254
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	102649	79099	84108	(5009)	(4553)	93087
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<b>Total</b>	<b>109859</b>	<b>119727</b>	<b>126982</b>	<b>(7255)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>102604</b>
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**First Stewartstown Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105606

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# Annual report

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**FIRST STEWARTSTOWN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**Trustees Annual Report  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105606)**

## **FIRST STEWARTSTOWN 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**

FIRST STEWARTSTOWN Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
32 Hill Head  
Stewartstown  
Dungannon  
Co. Tyrone  
BT71 5HY

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105606)

### **CHARITY TRUSTEES**

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

Bert Adams  
Miller Glendinning

Ian Millar  
Rev Alan Dickey

### **PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister  
Clerk of Session  
Treasurer

Rev Alan Dickey  
Miller Glendinning  
Linda Ferguson

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held 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. First Stewartstown congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Tyrone 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.

## **FIRST STEWARTSTOWN 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.

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

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

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

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

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

## **FIRST STEWARTSTOWN 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 attend. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed 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 and has a wide range of organisations including:

- Sunday School
- Bible Class
- Parents and Tots
- Bowling Club
- Girls Brigade Company
- Youth Fellowship
- Presbyterian Women
- Ladies in Christ (LinC)

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

#### **Worship and prayer**

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11:00 am. During the week the Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the Scriptures and for a time of prayer.

During our regular services this year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at one Sacrament of Baptism.

At 31 December 2022 there were 87 communicant members and 60 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship was 45.

#### **Pastoral care**

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

#### **Mission and outreach**

At a local level the congregation held a Holiday Bible Club Week called Rock Solid, and a Coffee Bar to reach out into the village and surrounding area. The congregation also sends donations to the World Development Appeal, to other missions and other Christian workers.

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

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

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

### **Presbytery**

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

### **General Assembly**

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

### **Property**

Regular maintenance and upkeep of buildings and grounds was ongoing throughout the year.

### **Organisations**

On Sunday mornings the Sunday School and Bible Class (av. attendance 15) use the hall, and on Sunday evenings the Youth Fellowship use the hall (av. attendance 18).

On the first Monday of each month from September to April Presbyterian Women meet (av. attendance 20).

On Tuesday mornings our hall is used by our Parent and Tots group (av. attendance 18).

On Tuesday evenings the bowling club (av. attendance 12) meet and enjoy meeting other church teams for league and friendly matches.

On Wednesday evenings the mid-week Bible study and prayer meeting is held in the hall (av. attendance 16).

Once a month LinC meets on a Thursday, alternating between Brigh and Stewartstown.

On Friday evenings the Girls Brigade Company meet (av. attendance 70).

For one week in either July or August the halls are used for a Holiday Bible Club for primary school aged children (av. attendance 50) and a Coffee Bar for teenagers (av. attendance 20).

On Saturday mornings the halls are used by Stewartstown Amateur Dramatic Society to practice for their annual community pantomime.

The hall is also used for the annual Stewartstown Faith Mission Conference in January and Stewartstown Boys Brigade in March/April for their annual parents' night.

### **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.

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

**PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

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

The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and in the Church's subordinate standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms) leading to spiritual and moral development and opportunities for response to Bible teaching. In turn, this framework leads to practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need (including the sick, disabled and bereaved).

Generally the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

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

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

The Kirk Session has had regard to the Charity Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

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

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 87 contributors during the year [90 in previous year, 2021] donating a total of £29,171 (£27,328 in previous year, 2021)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £119,727, compared to £62,700 in the previous year. The main reason for the change was the increase in income from Charitable Activities re Café Connect.

Total expenditure increased from £87,091 to £126,982. The increase in costs is due to Café Connect expenses and the general repairs to the church.

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

As the congregations total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 208 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 21/9/23 and signed on its behalf by

[Name] *W.M. Glendinning*

[Date] *21/9/23*

[Name] *W.A. Duff*

[Date] *21/9/23*

**First Stewartstown Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105606

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# Annual return

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**FIRST STEWARTSTOWN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**Independent Examiner's Report  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105606)**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FIRST STEWARTSTOWN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

I report on the accounts of First Stewartstown Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on the pages 11 to 17.

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

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act.
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under section 65 (9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65 (9)(b) of the Charity Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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

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

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

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

Randal McKinney, McKinney Dawson Accountants, 28 Union Street, Cookstown, BT80 8NN