

# Douglas Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105621

## Details

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Status Received

Registered 2016-08-09

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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 | £28,585 | £29,802     | £0     | 1         |

## Trustees

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| Name                           | Role | Appointed |
|--------------------------------|------|-----------|
| Alan Mckelvey                  |      |           |
| Mr David Craig Millar          |      |           |
| Mr Desmond Mcelrea             |      |           |
| Mr Maurice Andrew Hunter       |      |           |
| Rev David Reid B.D., Dip. Min. |      |           |

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# Accounts

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**DOUGLAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

|                          | NOTE | UNRESTRICTED FUNDS<br>£ | RESTRICTED FUNDS<br>£ | ENDOWMENT FUNDS<br>£ | TOTAL 2024<br>£ | TOTAL 2023<br>£ |
|--------------------------|------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>RECEIPTS</b>          |      |                         |                       |                      |                 |                 |
| Donations and legacies   | 2    | 17,540                  | 1,104                 | -                    | 18,644          | 16,805          |
| Charitable activities    | 3    | -                       | 9,919                 | -                    | 9,919           | 8,611           |
| Other trading activities | 4    | -                       | -                     | -                    | -               | -               |
| Investment income        | 5    | 12                      | -                     | -                    | 12              | 15              |
| Other                    | 6    | 10                      | -                     | -                    | 10              | 9               |
|                          |      | 17,562                  | 11,023                | -                    | 28,585          | 25,440          |
| Sale of Investments      |      |                         |                       |                      |                 |                 |
| Sale of fixed assets     |      |                         |                       |                      |                 |                 |
| Loans received           |      |                         |                       |                      |                 |                 |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>    |      | 17,562                  | 11,023                | -                    | 28,585          | 25,440          |
| <b>PAYMENTS</b>          |      |                         |                       |                      |                 |                 |
| Raising funds            | 7    | 209                     | -                     | -                    | 209             | 209             |
| Charitable activities    | 8    | 16,175                  | 12,114                | -                    | 28,289          | 29,593          |
| Investment costs         |      |                         |                       |                      | -               | -               |
| Other expenditure        | 9    | -                       | -                     | -                    | -               | -               |
|                          |      | 16,384                  | 12,114                | -                    | 28,498          | 29,802          |
| Purchase of Investments  |      |                         |                       |                      | -               | -               |
| Purchase of fixed assets |      |                         |                       |                      | -               | -               |
| Loan repayments          |      |                         |                       |                      | -               | -               |
| <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>    |      | 16,384                  | 12,114                | -                    | 28,498          | 29,802          |
| Net receipts/payments    |      | 1,178 (                 | 1,091 )               | -                    | 87 (            | 4,362 )         |
| Transfers between funds  |      |                         |                       |                      |                 |                 |
| Net movement in funds    |      | 1,178 (                 | 1,091 )               | -                    | 87 (            | 4,362 )         |
| Funds brought forward    |      | ( 1,697 )               | 18,102                |                      | 16,405          | 20,767          |
| Funds carried forward    | 12 ( | 519 )                   | 17,011                | -                    | 16,492          | 16,405          |

**DOUGLAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

|   | NOTE     | UNRESTRICTED<br>FUNDS<br>£ | RESTRICTED<br>FUNDS<br>£ | ENDOWMENT<br>FUNDS<br>£ | TOTAL<br>2024<br>£ | TOTAL<br>2023<br>£ |
|---|----------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>FUNDS RECONCILIATION</b>                           |          |                            |                          |                         |                    |                    |
| Bank and cash at start of year                        | (        | 1,697 )                    | 18,102                   |                         | 16,405             | 20,767             |
| Net movement in funds                                 |          | 1,178 (                    | 1,091 )                  | -                       | 87 (               | 4,362 )            |
|   |          |                            |                          |                         | -                  |                    |
| <b>Bank and cash at end of year</b>                   | <b>(</b> | <b>519 )</b>               | <b>17,011</b>            | <b>-</b>                | <b>16,492</b>      | <b>16,405</b>      |
| <b>BANK AND CASH BALANCES</b>                         |          |                            |                          |                         |                    |                    |
| Bank deposit accounts                                 |          |                            |                          |                         |                    |                    |
| Bank current accounts                                 |          | 16,492                     |                          |                         | 16,492             | 16,405             |
| <b>Total current assets</b>                           |          | <b>16,492</b>              | <b>-</b>                 | <b>-</b>                | <b>16,492</b>      | <b>16,405</b>      |
| <b>OTHER ASSETS</b>                                   |          |                            |                          |                         |                    |                    |
| Fixed assets  | 10       |                            |                          |                         |                    |                    |
| ~ Church, premises                                    |          |                            |                          |                         |                    |                    |
| ~ Fixtures, fittings, equipment                       |          |                            |                          |                         |                    |                    |
| ~ Vehicles  |          |                            |                          |                         |                    |                    |
| Investments   | 11       |                            |                          |                         | 99,568             | 88,282             |
| Gift aid receivable on donations (not included above) |          |                            |                          |                         | 3,582              | 3,333              |
|   |          |                            |                          |                         | 103,150            | 91,615             |

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 31 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Name: **Rev David W Reid**

Name: **Mr Alan McKelvey**

Date: 31/10/2025

Date: 31/10/2025

**DOUGLAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**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<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>RESTRICTED<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>ENDOWMENT<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>2024</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>2023</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                         | £                             | £                           | £                          | £                     | £                     |
| <b>Recorded giving:</b> |                               |                             |                            |                       |                       |
| Loose collections       | 156                           |                             |                            | 156                   | 233                   |
| Donations and gifts     | 13,055                        |                             |                            | 13,055                | 12,077                |
| Gift Aid                | 2,602                         | 467                         |                            | 3,069                 | 2,617                 |
| Legacies and bequests   | 1,728                         | 637                         |                            | 2,365                 | 1,878                 |
|                         | 17,540                        | 1,104                       | -                          | 18,644                | 16,805                |
|                         | 17,540                        | 1,104                       | -                          | 18,644                | 16,805                |

**DOUGLAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

|                                   | <b>UNRESTRICTED<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>RESTRICTED<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>ENDOWMENT<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>2024</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>2023</b> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                                   | £                             | £                           | £                          | £                     | £                     |
| Income from charitable activities |                               | 2,238                       |                            | 2,238                 | 2,028                 |
| Fees from weddings and funerals   |                               | 400                         |                            | 400                   | 475                   |
| Fundraising events                |                               | 2,319                       |                            | 2,319                 | 2,258                 |
| Membership fees                   |                               |                             |                            | -                     | -                     |
| Grants/Donation/elect             |                               | 4,962                       |                            | 4,962                 | 3,850                 |
|                                   | -                             | 9,919                       | -                          | 9,919                 | 8,611                 |

**4 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

|                     | <b>UNRESTRICTED<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>RESTRICTED<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>ENDOWMENT<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>2024</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>2023</b> |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                     | £                             | £                           | £                          | £                     | £                     |
| Letting of premises |                               |                             |                            | -                     |                       |
| Trading income      |                               |                             |                            | -                     |                       |
|                     | -                             | -                           | -                          | -                     | -                     |

**5 INVESTMENT INCOME**

|                             | <b>UNRESTRICTED<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>RESTRICTED<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>ENDOWMENT<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>2024</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>2023</b> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                             | £                             | £                           | £                          | £                     | £                     |
| Deposit interest            | 12                            |                             |                            | 12                    | 15                    |
| General Investment Fund     |                               |                             |                            | -                     |                       |
| Rents investment properties |                               |                             |                            | -                     |                       |
| Other investment income     |                               |                             |                            | -                     |                       |
|                             | 12                            | -                           | -                          | 12                    | 15                    |

**6 OTHER INCOME**

|                  | <b>UNRESTRICTED<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>RESTRICTED<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>ENDOWMENT<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>2024</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>2023</b> |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                  | £                             | £                           | £                          | £                     | £                     |
| Insurance claims |                               |                             |                            | -                     |                       |
| Other income     | 10                            |                             |                            | 10                    | 9                     |
|                  | 10                            | -                           | -                          | 10                    | 9                     |

**DOUGLAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**7 RAISING FUNDS**

|                    | <b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b> | <b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b> | <b>ENDOWMENT FUNDS</b> | <b>TOTAL 2024</b> | <b>TOTAL 2023</b> |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                    | £                         | £                       | £                      | £                 | £                 |
| FWO Envelopes      | 209                       |                         |                        | 209               | 209               |
| Fundraising events |                           |                         |                        | -                 | -                 |
|                    | 209                       | -                       | -                      | 209               | 209               |

**8 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

|  | <b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b> | <b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b> | <b>ENDOWMENT FUNDS</b> | <b>TOTAL 2024</b> | <b>TOTAL 2023</b> |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|  | £                         | £                       | £                      | £                 | £                 |
| General Assembly Assessments                   | 2,292                     |                         |                        | 2,292             | 2,144             |
| Presbytery fees                                | 88                        |                         |                        | 88                | 85                |
| Ministry & support staff costs                 | 12,563                    |                         |                        | 12,563            | 11,834            |
| Congregational running expenses                | 1,231                     | 9,946                   |                        | 11,177            | 13,609            |
| Donations to Missions Uaincludesspecialappeals |                           | 2,088                   |                        | 2,088             | 1,803             |
| Charities                                      |                           | 80                      |                        | 80                | 118               |
| Governance costs                               |                           |                         |                        | -                 | -                 |
|  | 16,175                    | 12,114                  | -                      | 28,289            | 29,593            |

**9 OTHER EXPENDITURE**

|                              | <b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b> | <b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b> | <b>ENDOWMENT FUNDS</b> | <b>TOTAL 2024</b> | <b>TOTAL 2023</b> |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                              | £                         | £                       | £                      | £                 | £                 |
| Investment property expenses |                           |                         |                        | -                 | -                 |
| To Investment fund           |                           |                         |                        | -                 | -                 |
|                              | -                         | -                       | -                      | -                 | -                 |

**10 FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at Camus Road, Douglas Bridge, Strabane, BT82 8QN along with the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £1,402,701

**11 INVESTMENTS**

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

|                         | <b>2024</b> | <b>2023</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                         | £           | £           |
| General Investment Fund | 97,169      | 86,494      |
| NI Central Inv fund     | 2,399       | 1,788       |
|                         | 99,568      | 88,282      |

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# Accounts

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

|                          | NOTE | UNRESTRICTED FUNDS<br>£ | RESTRICTED FUNDS<br>£ | ENDOWMENT FUNDS<br>£ | TOTAL 2023<br>£ | TOTAL 2022<br>£ |
|--------------------------|------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>RECEIPTS</b>          |      |                         |                       |                      |                 |                 |
| Donations and legacies   | 2    | 15,893                  | 912                   | -                    | 16,805          | 14,966          |
| Charitable activities    | 3    | 850                     | 7,761                 | -                    | 8,611           | 12,140          |
| Other trading activities | 4    | -                       | -                     | -                    | -               | -               |
| Investment income        | 5    | 15                      | -                     | -                    | 15              | 17              |
| Other                    | 6    | 9                       | -                     | -                    | 9               | 8               |
|                          |      | <b>16,767</b>           | <b>8,673</b>          | <b>-</b>             | <b>25,440</b>   | <b>27,131</b>   |
| Sale of Investments      |      |                         |                       |                      |                 |                 |
| Sale of fixed assets     |      |                         |                       |                      |                 |                 |
| Loans received           |      |                         |                       |                      |                 |                 |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>    |      | <b>16,767</b>           | <b>8,673</b>          | <b>-</b>             | <b>25,440</b>   | <b>27,131</b>   |
| <b>PAYMENTS</b>          |      |                         |                       |                      |                 |                 |
| Raising funds            | 7    | 209                     | -                     | -                    | 209             | 214             |
| Charitable activities    | 8    | 15,033                  | 14,560                | -                    | 29,593          | 25,317          |
| Investment costs         |      | -                       | -                     | -                    | -               | -               |
| Other expenditure        | 9    | -                       | -                     | -                    | -               | -               |
|                          |      | <b>15,242</b>           | <b>14,560</b>         | <b>-</b>             | <b>29,802</b>   | <b>25,531</b>   |
| Purchase of Investments  |      |                         |                       |                      | -               | -               |
| Purchase of fixed assets |      |                         |                       |                      | -               | -               |
| Loan repayments          |      |                         |                       |                      | -               | -               |
| <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>    |      | <b>15,242</b>           | <b>14,560</b>         | <b>-</b>             | <b>29,802</b>   | <b>25,531</b>   |
| Net receipts/payments    |      | 1,525                   | 5,887                 | -                    | 4,362           | 1,600           |
| Transfers between funds  |      | -                       | -                     | -                    | -               | -               |
| Net movement in funds    |      | <b>1,525</b>            | <b>5,887</b>          | <b>-</b>             | <b>4,362</b>    | <b>1,600</b>    |
| Funds brought forward    | -    | 3,222                   | 23,989                | -                    | 20,767          | 19,167          |
| Funds carried forward    | 12 - | 1,697                   | 18,102                | -                    | 16,405          | 20,767          |

**DOUGLAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

|  | UNRESTRICTED   | RESTRICTED    | ENDOWMENT | TOTAL            | TOTAL            |
|--|----------------|---------------|-----------|------------------|------------------|
| NOTE   | FUNDS          | FUNDS         | FUNDS     | 2023             | 2022             |
|  | £              | £             | £         | £                | £                |
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                          |                |               |           | -                |                  |
| Tangible assets                              | 978,185        |               |           | 978,185          | 978,185          |
| Heritage assets                              |                |               |           | -                |                  |
| Investments                                  |                |               |           | -                |                  |
| <b>Total fixed assets</b>                    | <b>978,185</b> | <b>-</b>      | <b>-</b>  | <b>978,185</b>   | <b>978,185</b>   |
| <b>Current assets</b>                        |                |               |           |                  |                  |
| Debtors                                      |                |               |           | -                |                  |
| Current investments                          |                | 88,282        |           | 88,282           | 74,526           |
| Cash at bank and in hand                     | 18,352         |               |           | 18,352           | 20,767           |
| <b>Total current assets</b>                  | <b>18,352</b>  | <b>88,282</b> | <b>-</b>  | <b>106,634</b>   | <b>95,293</b>    |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                           |                |               |           |                  |                  |
| Bank overdraft                               |                | 1,947         |           | 1,947            |                  |
| Creditors: falling due within one year       |                |               |           | -                |                  |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>             | <b>-</b>       | <b>1,947</b>  | <b>-</b>  | <b>1,947</b>     | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>Total assets less current liabilities</b> | <b>996,537</b> | <b>86,335</b> | <b>-</b>  | <b>1,082,872</b> | <b>1,073,478</b> |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                           |                |               |           |                  |                  |
| Creditors: falling due after one year        |                |               |           | -                |                  |
| Provision for liabilities                    |                |               |           | -                |                  |
| <b>Total net assets/liabilities</b>          | <b>996,537</b> | <b>86,335</b> | <b>-</b>  | <b>1,082,872</b> | <b>1,073,478</b> |
| <b>FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>                  |                |               |           |                  |                  |
| Endowment funds                              |                |               |           | -                |                  |
| <b>Restricted income funds</b>               |                | 86,335        |           | 86,335           | 78,262           |
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>                    | 996,537        |               |           | 996,537          | 995,216          |
| Revaluation reserve                          |                |               |           | -                |                  |
| <b>Total charity funds</b>                   | <b>996,537</b> | <b>86,335</b> | <b>-</b>  | <b>1,082,872</b> | <b>1,073,478</b> |

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 10th June 2024 and signed on its behalf by

Name: *Alan McKeown*

Date: *31-10-24*

Name: *David W. Reid*

Date: *31-10-24*

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**2 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

|                         | <b>UNRESTRICTED<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>RESTRICTED<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>ENDOWMENT<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>2023</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>2022</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                         | £                             | £                           | £                          | £                     | £                     |
| <b>Recorded giving:</b> |                               |                             |                            |                       |                       |
| Loose collections       | 233                           |                             |                            | 233                   | 43                    |
| Donations and gifts     | 12,077                        |                             |                            | 12,077                | 10,630                |
| Gift Aid                | 2,207                         | 410                         |                            | 2,617                 | 2,351                 |
| Legacies and bequests   | 1,376                         | 502                         |                            | 1,878                 | 1,942                 |
|                         | <b>15,893</b>                 | <b>912</b>                  | -                          | <b>16,805</b>         | <b>14,966</b>         |

**DOUGLAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

|                                   | <b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b> | <b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b> | <b>ENDOWMENT FUNDS</b> | <b>TOTAL 2023</b> | <b>TOTAL 2022</b> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                   | £                         | £                       | £                      | £                 | £                 |
| Income from charitable activities |                           | 2,028                   |                        | 2,028             | 2,030             |
| Fees from weddings and funerals   |                           | 475                     |                        | 475               |                   |
| Fundraising events                |                           | 2,258                   |                        | 2,258             | 2,110             |
| Membership fees                   | -                         |                         |                        | -                 | -                 |
| Grants/Donation/elect             | 850                       | 3,000                   |                        | 3,850             | 8,000             |
|                                   | <u>850</u>                | <u>7,761</u>            | <u>-</u>               | <u>8,611</u>      | <u>12,140</u>     |

**4 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

|                     | <b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b> | <b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b> | <b>ENDOWMENT FUNDS</b> | <b>TOTAL 2023</b> | <b>TOTAL 2022</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                     | £                         | £                       | £                      | £                 | £                 |
| Letting of premises |                           |                         |                        | -                 |                   |
| Trading income      |                           |                         |                        | -                 |                   |
|                     | <u>-</u>                  | <u>-</u>                | <u>-</u>               | <u>-</u>          | <u>-</u>          |

**5 INVESTMENT INCOME**

|                             | <b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b> | <b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b> | <b>ENDOWMENT FUNDS</b> | <b>TOTAL 2023</b> | <b>TOTAL 2022</b> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                             | £                         | £                       | £                      | £                 | £                 |
| Deposit interest            | 15                        |                         |                        | 15                | 17                |
| General Investment Fund     |                           |                         |                        | -                 |                   |
| Rents investment properties |                           |                         |                        | -                 |                   |
| Other investment income     |                           |                         |                        | -                 |                   |
|                             | <u>15</u>                 | <u>-</u>                | <u>-</u>               | <u>15</u>         | <u>17</u>         |

**6 OTHER INCOME**

|                  | <b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b> | <b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b> | <b>ENDOWMENT FUNDS</b> | <b>TOTAL 2023</b> | <b>TOTAL 2022</b> |
|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                  | £                         | £                       | £                      | £                 | £                 |
| Insurance claims |                           |                         |                        | -                 |                   |
| Other income     | 9                         |                         |                        | 9                 | 8                 |
|                  | <u>9</u>                  | <u>-</u>                | <u>-</u>               | <u>9</u>          | <u>8</u>          |

**DOUGLAS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**7 RAISING FUNDS**

|                    | UNRESTRICTED<br>FUNDS | RESTRICTED<br>FUNDS | ENDOWMENT<br>FUNDS | TOTAL<br>2023 | TOTAL<br>2022 |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                    | £                     | £                   | £                  | £             | £             |
| FWO Envelopes      | 209                   |                     |                    | 209           | 214           |
| Fundraising events |                       |                     |                    | -             | -             |
|                    | 209                   | -                   | -                  | 209           | 214           |

**8 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

|                                 | UNRESTRICTED<br>FUNDS | RESTRICTED<br>FUNDS | ENDOWMENT<br>FUNDS | TOTAL<br>2023 | TOTAL<br>2022 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                 | £                     | £                   | £                  | £             | £             |
| General Assembly Assessments    | 2,144                 |                     |                    | 2,144         | 2,176         |
| Presbytery fees                 | 85                    |                     |                    | 85            | 96            |
| Ministry & support staff costs  | 11,834                |                     |                    | 11,834        | 11,135        |
| Congregational running expenses | 970                   | 12,639              |                    | 13,609        | 9,309         |
| Donations to Missions UA        |                       | 1,803               |                    | 1,803         | 2,513         |
| Charities                       |                       | 118                 |                    | 118           | 88            |
| Governance costs                |                       |                     |                    | -             | -             |
|                                 | 15,033                | 14,560              | -                  | 29,593        | 25,317        |

**9 OTHER EXPENDITURE**

|                              | UNRESTRICTED<br>FUNDS | RESTRICTED<br>FUNDS | ENDOWMENT<br>FUNDS | TOTAL<br>2023 | TOTAL<br>2022 |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                              | £                     | £                   | £                  | £             | £             |
| Investment property expenses |                       |                     |                    | -             | -             |
| To Investment fund           |                       |                     |                    | -             | -             |
|                              | -                     | -                   | -                  | -             | -             |

**10 FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at Camus Road, Douglas Bridge, Strabane, BT82 8QN along with the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £1,335,906

**11 INVESTMENTS**

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

|                         | 2023   | 2022   |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|
|                         | £      | £      |
| General Investment Fund | 86,494 | 72,738 |
| NI Central Inv fund     | 1,788  | 1,788  |
|                         | 88,282 | 74,526 |

**DOUGLAS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
CHARITY FORMAT WORKINGS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**INCOME**

| Donations & legacies - note 2       |                               | 2023           |                  |             | 2022           |                  |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|
|                                     |                               | UNRES'TD FUNDS | RESTRICTED FUNDS | ENDOW FUNDS | UNRES'TD FUNDS | RESTRICTED FUNDS | ENDOW FUNDS |
| FWO                                 | Note 2 donations & gifts      | 12,076.50      |                  |             | 10,629.50      |                  |             |
| Loose                               |                               | 233.20         |                  |             | 43.20          |                  |             |
| Gift Aid - F.W.O.                   |                               | 2,076.50       |                  |             | 1,910.00       |                  |             |
| Gift aid additional                 |                               | 15.30          |                  |             | 1.19           |                  |             |
| Gift Aid - Harvest offerings        |                               |                | 409.75           |             |                | 401.25           |             |
| Gift aid - small donation           |                               | 18.00          |                  |             | 18.00          |                  |             |
| Gift Aid refund interest            |                               | 97.94          |                  |             | 20.35          |                  |             |
|                                     | Note 2 gift aid               | 2,207.74       | 409.75           | -           | 1,949.54       | 401.25           |             |
| Bequests to the General fund        |                               | 1,376.21       |                  |             | 1,420.82       |                  |             |
| Legacies & bequests                 |                               |                |                  |             |                |                  |             |
| bequeststipend                      |                               |                | 350.87           |             |                | 364.37           |             |
| beq hall                            |                               |                | 57.98            |             |                | 60.21            |             |
| beq fabric                          |                               |                | 78.26            |             |                | 81.27            |             |
| Sunday school                       |                               |                | 14.56            |             |                | 15.12            |             |
|                                     | Note 2 donations/legacies     | 1,376.21       | 501.67           | -           | 1,420.82       | 520.97           |             |
| <b>Charitable income - note 3</b>   |                               |                |                  |             |                |                  |             |
| Income from charitable activities   |                               |                |                  |             |                |                  |             |
| United Appeal                       |                               |                | 1,196.00         |             |                | 1,096.00         |             |
| GA Utd appeal includesjt serv       |                               |                | 196.38           |             |                | 215.00           |             |
| Special Appeal ukraine/Turkey       |                               |                | 410.00           |             |                | 310.00           |             |
| GA special appeal                   |                               |                | 42.50            |             |                | 42.50            |             |
| GAStudent bursary                   |                               |                | 64.71            |             |                | 278.85           |             |
| UDR Benevolent Fund                 |                               |                | 118.00           |             |                | 88.00            |             |
|                                     | Note 3 inc char act           | -              | 2,027.59         | -           | -              | 2,030.35         |             |
| Weddings & funerals                 |                               |                | 475.00           |             |                |                  |             |
| Donations in memory                 |                               |                |                  |             |                |                  |             |
|                                     | Note 3 fees weddings/funerals | -              | 475.00           | -           | -              | -                |             |
| Fundraising events                  |                               |                |                  |             |                |                  |             |
| Paper                               |                               |                |                  |             |                |                  |             |
| Harvest Offering                    |                               |                | 2,258.00         |             |                | 2,069.00         |             |
|                                     | Note 3 fund-raising           | -              | 2,258.00         | -           | -              | 2,069.00         |             |
| Membership                          |                               |                |                  |             |                |                  |             |
| Grants donation                     | note 3 grants                 | 100.00         |                  |             |                | 5,000.00         |             |
| Payment from Ardstraw               |                               |                | 3,000.00         |             | 40.50          | 3,000.00         |             |
| <b>Other trading - nil - note 4</b> |                               |                |                  |             |                |                  |             |
| <b>Investment income - note 5</b>   |                               |                |                  |             |                |                  |             |
| Deposit interest                    |                               | 15.36          |                  |             | 17.34          |                  |             |
| General Investment Fund             | Note 5 dep int                |                |                  |             |                |                  |             |
| Rents investment properties         | Note 5 rent                   |                |                  |             |                |                  |             |
| Other investment income             |                               |                |                  |             |                |                  |             |
|                                     |                               | 15.36          | -                | -           | 17.34          | -                | -           |
| <b>Other income - note 6</b>        |                               |                |                  |             |                |                  |             |
| Insurance claims                    |                               |                |                  |             |                |                  |             |
| Other income                        |                               |                |                  |             |                |                  |             |
| Pole rent                           | Note 6 other inc              | 9.09           |                  |             | 8.20           |                  |             |
| NIE refund                          |                               | 600.00         |                  |             |                |                  |             |
| 3G el refund                        | Note 6 other inc              | 150.00         |                  |             |                |                  |             |
|                                     |                               | 759.09         | -                | -           | 8.20           | -                | -           |
|                                     |                               | 16,768.10      | 8,672.01         | -           | 14,109.10      | 13,021.57        | -           |
|                                     | total unrest & res funds      | 25,440.11      |                  |             | 27,130.67      |                  |             |
|                                     | Total lodgements to bank      | 25,440.11      |                  |             | 27,130.67      |                  |             |
|                                     | Difference                    | -              |                  |             | -              |                  |             |

**DOUGLAS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
CHARITY FORMAT WORKINGS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

|   |                          | 2023             |                  |             | 2022             |                  |             |
|---|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|
|   |                          | UNRES'TD FUNDS   | RESTRICTED FUNDS | ENDOW FUNDS | UNRES'TD FUNDS   | RESTRICTED FUNDS | ENDOW FUNDS |
| <b>Raising fund</b>                       |                          |                  |                  |             |                  |                  |             |
| Printing FWO envelopes                    | Note 7 FWO env           | 209.00           |                  |             | 214.00           |                  |             |
| Fundraising                               |                          |                  |                  |             |                  |                  |             |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>              |                          |                  |                  |             |                  |                  |             |
| General Assembly Asst                     |                          |                  |                  |             |                  |                  |             |
| PCI pension scheme                        |                          | 2,012.00         |                  |             | 1,916.50         |                  |             |
| Central Ministry                          |                          | 4.00             |                  |             | 85.00            |                  |             |
| Cost of Living payment Ministers          |                          | 119.50           |                  |             |                  |                  |             |
| Widows of ministers                       |                          | 1.00             |                  |             | 18.00            |                  |             |
| Prolonged disability                      |                          | 1.00             |                  |             | 14.00            |                  |             |
| Incidental fund                           |                          | 3.00             |                  |             | 65.00            |                  |             |
| Minst. Dev                                |                          |                  |                  |             | 8.00             |                  |             |
| Assembly blds                             |                          | 2.00             |                  |             | 35.00            |                  |             |
| Students bursary                          |                          | 1.00             |                  |             | 34.00            |                  |             |
|   | Note 8 gen ass.          | <u>2,143.50</u>  | <u>-</u>         | <u>-</u>    | <u>2,175.50</u>  | <u>-</u>         | <u>-</u>    |
| Presbytery fees                           | Note 8 presb fees        | <u>85.47</u>     |                  |             | <u>96.17</u>     |                  |             |
| Ministry & support staff                  |                          |                  |                  |             |                  |                  |             |
| Stipend Pd to minister                    |                          | 8,383.00         |                  |             | 7,983.68         |                  |             |
| Minister expenses                         |                          | 2,185.25         |                  |             | 1,898.97         |                  |             |
| National ins                              |                          | 873.25           |                  |             | 847.00           |                  |             |
| Stipend beq minister                      |                          | 350.87           |                  |             | 364.37           |                  |             |
| Sick supply                               |                          |                  |                  |             | 1.00             |                  |             |
| Apprenticeship levy                       |                          | 41.50            |                  |             | 39.75            |                  |             |
| Congretional visitor                      |                          |                  |                  |             |                  |                  |             |
|   | note 8 mist & supp staff | <u>11,833.87</u> | <u>-</u>         | <u>-</u>    | <u>11,134.77</u> | <u>-</u>         | <u>-</u>    |
| Congregational running expenses           |                          |                  |                  |             |                  |                  |             |
| Advertising                               |                          | 36.36            |                  |             | 36.36            |                  |             |
| Bank charges                              |                          | 72.06            |                  |             | 66.98            |                  |             |
| Church Insurance                          |                          |                  | 1,608.17         |             |                  | 1,500.24         |             |
| Gifts to various people                   |                          | 50.00            |                  |             |                  |                  |             |
| N.I.E.                                    |                          |                  | 689.95           |             | 508.92           |                  |             |
| Manse EXPENSES                            |                          |                  | 1,064.26         |             |                  | 446.50           |             |
| Pulpit supply                             |                          | 333.00           |                  |             | 300.00           |                  |             |
| Sunday School / Bible Class/cong books    |                          | 428.55           |                  |             | 259.89           |                  |             |
| Painting of Hall/tarring                  |                          |                  | 4,400.00         |             |                  | 900.00           |             |
| Fire ext service                          |                          |                  | 66.00            |             |                  | 117.60           |             |
| Communion                                 |                          | 24.98            |                  |             |                  |                  |             |
| Water rates                               |                          |                  | 176.35           |             |                  | 165.31           |             |
| Gen reps - fabric & residence funds       |                          |                  |                  |             |                  | 40.00            |             |
| Electric Hall G3                          |                          |                  | 2,419.81         |             |                  | 3,567.31         |             |
| Rates                                     |                          |                  | 1,044.25         |             |                  | 801.26           |             |
| Grass cutting                             |                          |                  | 870.00           |             |                  | 500.00           |             |
| Funeral tea                               |                          |                  | 300.00           |             |                  |                  |             |
| Whiteboard                                |                          | 24.99            |                  |             |                  |                  |             |
|   |                          |                  |                  |             | 100.00           |                  |             |
|   | Note 8 cong run exp      | <u>969.94</u>    | <u>12,638.79</u> | <u>-</u>    | <u>1,272.15</u>  | <u>8,038.22</u>  | <u>-</u>    |
| Donation to missions/charities            |                          |                  |                  |             |                  |                  |             |
| United Appeal                             |                          |                  | 1,225.90         |             |                  | 1,481.19         |             |
| Turkey/Ukraine appeal appeal and gift aid |                          |                  | 512.50           |             |                  | 352.50           |             |
| Student bursary                           |                          |                  | 64.71            |             |                  | 278.85           |             |
| UDR                                       |                          |                  | 118.00           |             |                  | 88.00            |             |
| Gift                                      |                          |                  |                  |             | 400.00           |                  |             |
|   | Note 8 don missions/char | <u>-</u>         | <u>1,921.11</u>  | <u>-</u>    | <u>400.00</u>    | <u>2,200.54</u>  | <u>-</u>    |
| Governance costs                          |                          |                  |                  |             |                  |                  |             |
|   | Auditor Fees             |                  |                  |             |                  |                  |             |
| Investments                               |                          |                  |                  |             |                  |                  |             |
|   | Donation to Gen Inv Fund |                  |                  |             |                  |                  |             |
| Capital spend/fixed assets                |                          |                  |                  |             |                  |                  |             |
|   |                          |                  |                  |             |                  |                  |             |
|   |                          | <u>15,241.78</u> | <u>14,559.90</u> | <u>-</u>    | <u>15,292.59</u> | <u>10,238.76</u> | <u>-</u>    |
|   | Total expenditure        | <u>29,801.68</u> |                  |             | <u>25,531.35</u> |                  |             |
|   | Total payments from bank | 29,801.68        |                  |             | 25,531.35        |                  |             |
|   | Difference               | <u>-</u>         |                  |             | <u>-</u>         |                  |             |

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105621

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# Annual report

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**DOUGLAS 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 (NIC105621)**

**DOUGLAS 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**

Douglas Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
Camus Road  
Douglas Bridge  
Strabane  
BT82 8QE  
Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105621)

**CHARITY TRUSTEES**

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

David Reid  
Alan McKelvey  
Desmond McElrea  
Maurice Hunter  
David Millar

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Minister         | David William Reid |
| Clerk of Session | Alan McKelvey      |
| Treasurer        | Elaine McKelvey    |

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

A McCaskie  
31 Segully Road  
Drumquin  
Omagh  
Co Tyrone  
BT78 4RD

**BANKERS**

Danske Bank  
PO BOX 183  
Donegall Square West  
BELFAST  
BT1 6JS

**SOLICITORS**

Babington & Croasdale  
74 Railway Street  
Strabane  
Co Tyrone  
BT82 8EQ

## **DOUGLAS 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 3 times each year.

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

#### **Presbytery**

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

## **DOUGLAS 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.

Douglas 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 to bring people to Jesus, support and nurture the Church family, magnify His name and build up Christians in their faith.

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

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

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

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.
- As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice.

**DOUGLAS 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 Lords Supper is observed on several occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds regular bible study and prayer meetings and has a wide range of organisations including

- Sunday School
- Bible Study

Our members also participate in organisations run by our sister congregation in Ardstraw

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

**Worship and prayer**

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 10:15 am. During the week the Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at 2 Sacraments of Baptism, we conducted 0 marriage services and gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2023 there were 123 communicant members and 52 families connected with the congregation. The average week attendance at morning worship is 30

**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 or elders

**Mission and outreach**

At a local level the congregation made donations totalling £118.00 to various external missions and charities.

## **DOUGLAS 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 Sunday School project and any other special appeals.

#### **Presbytery**

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our minister and / or one of the elders. This provides an important link between the congregation 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**

All Church property is maintained in good order

#### **Organisations**

Sunday School meets on Sunday Morning at 10:30

Bible Study meets on Thursday Evenings at 8:00

Prayer Meeting Thursday Evenings at 8:30

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

**Volunteers**

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

**PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**DOUGLAS 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 52 contributors during the year (52 in previous year) donating a total of £12,077 (£10,630 in previous year)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £25,440, compared to £27,131 in the previous year

Total expenditure this year was £29,802 compared to £25,531 in the previous year. This year's costs included £4,400 for tarring.

**RESERVES POLICY**

The reserves of the charity are set by the Church Committee which includes the Trustees. The reserves will be held primarily as cash. The level of reserves will be reviewed annually as part of the management process.

The Trustees aim to maintain sufficient free reserves in unrestricted funds to bridge any funding gaps experienced by the Church and to mitigate the risks and costs of unplanned closure of the organisation.

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

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and signed on its behalf by

*David W. Reid*  
David W. Reid (Minister)

*Alan McKelvey*  
Alan McKelvey (Clerk of Session)

Date 31-10-24

Date 31-10-24

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105621

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# Annual return

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DOUGLAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH A CONGREGATION OF  
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

I report on the accounts of the accounts of Douglas Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on the following pages.

**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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters. My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

A McCaskie

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31 Segully Road  
Drumquin  
OMAGH  
Co Tyrone  
BT78 4RD

31 October 2024

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105621

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# Accounts

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**DOUGLAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

|                          | NOTE | UNRESTRICTED<br>FUNDS<br>£ | RESTRICTED<br>FUNDS<br>£ | ENDOWMENT<br>FUNDS<br>£ | TOTAL<br>2020<br>£ | TOTAL<br>2019<br>£ |
|--------------------------|------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>RECEIPTS</b>          |      |                            |                          |                         |                    |                    |
| Donations and legacies   | 2    | 10,888                     | 444                      | -                       | 11,332             | 16,114             |
| Charitable activities    | 3    | -                          | 5,308                    | -                       | 5,308              | 4,367              |
| Other trading activities | 4    | -                          | -                        | -                       | -                  | -                  |
| Investment income        | 5    | 16                         | -                        | -                       | 16                 | 19                 |
| Other                    | 6    | -                          | 8                        | -                       | 8                  | 8                  |
|                          |      | <b>10,904</b>              | <b>5,760</b>             | <b>-</b>                | <b>16,664</b>      | <b>20,508</b>      |
| Sale of Investments      |      |                            |                          |                         |                    |                    |
| Sale of fixed assets     |      |                            |                          |                         |                    |                    |
| Loans received           |      |                            |                          |                         |                    |                    |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>    |      | <b>10,904</b>              | <b>5,760</b>             | <b>-</b>                | <b>16,664</b>      | <b>20,508</b>      |
| <b>PAYMENTS</b>          |      |                            |                          |                         |                    |                    |
| Raising funds            | 7    | 213                        | -                        | -                       | 213                | 224                |
| Charitable activities    | 8    | 13,986                     | 3,258                    | -                       | 17,244             | 23,230             |
| Investment costs         |      |                            |                          |                         | -                  |                    |
| Other expenditure        | 9    | -                          | 1,945                    | -                       | 1,945              |                    |
|                          |      | <b>14,199</b>              | <b>5,203</b>             | <b>-</b>                | <b>19,402</b>      | <b>23,454</b>      |
| Purchase of Investments  |      |                            |                          |                         | -                  | -                  |
| Purchase of fixed assets |      |                            |                          |                         | -                  | -                  |
| Loan repayments          |      |                            |                          |                         | -                  |                    |
| <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>    |      | <b>14,199</b>              | <b>5,203</b>             | <b>-</b>                | <b>19,402</b>      | <b>23,454</b>      |
| Net receipts/payments    | -    | 3,295                      | 557                      | -                       | 2,738              | 2,946              |
| Transfers between funds  |      |                            |                          |                         |                    |                    |
| Net movement in funds    | -    | 3,295                      | 557                      | -                       | 2,738              | 2,946              |
| Funds brought forward    |      | 2,829                      | 17,183                   |                         | 20,012             | 22,958             |
| Funds carried forward    | 12 - | 466                        | 17,740                   | -                       | 17,274             | 20,012             |

**DOUGLAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

|  | NOTE | UNRESTRICTED FUNDS<br>£ | RESTRICTED FUNDS<br>£ | ENDOWMENT FUNDS<br>£ | TOTAL 2020<br>£  | TOTAL 2019<br>£  |
|--|------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                          |      |                         |                       |                      | -                |                  |
| Tangible assets                              |      | 978,185                 |                       |                      | 978,185          | 978,185          |
| Heritage assets                              |      |                         |                       |                      | -                |                  |
| Investments                                  |      |                         |                       |                      | -                |                  |
| <b>Total fixed assets</b>                    |      | <u>978,185</u>          | <u>-</u>              | <u>-</u>             | <u>978,185</u>   | <u>978,185</u>   |
| <b>Current assets</b>                        |      |                         |                       |                      |                  |                  |
| Debtors                                      |      |                         |                       |                      | -                | 3,232            |
| Current investments                          |      |                         | 74,526                |                      | 74,526           | 74,025           |
| Cash at bank and in hand                     |      | 10,297                  | 6,877                 |                      | 17,174           | 22,958           |
| <b>Total current assets</b>                  |      | <u>10,297</u>           | <u>81,403</u>         | <u>-</u>             | <u>91,700</u>    | <u>100,215</u>   |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                           |      |                         |                       |                      |                  |                  |
| Creditors: falling due within one year       |      |                         |                       |                      | -                | 3,963            |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>             |      | <u>-</u>                | <u>-</u>              | <u>-</u>             | <u>-</u>         | <u>3,963</u>     |
| <b>Total assets less current liabilities</b> |      | <u>988,482</u>          | <u>81,403</u>         | <u>-</u>             | <u>1,069,885</u> | <u>1,074,437</u> |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                           |      |                         |                       |                      |                  |                  |
| Creditors: falling due after one year        |      |                         |                       |                      | -                |                  |
| Provision for liabilities                    |      |                         |                       |                      | -                |                  |
| <b>Total net assets/liabilities</b>          |      | <u>988,482</u>          | <u>81,403</u>         | <u>-</u>             | <u>1,069,885</u> | <u>1,074,437</u> |
| <b>FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>                  |      |                         |                       |                      |                  |                  |
| Endowment funds                              |      |                         |                       |                      | -                |                  |
| Restricted income funds                      |      |                         | 81,403                |                      | 81,403           | 82,666           |
| Unrestricted funds                           |      | 988,482                 |                       |                      | 988,482          | 991,771          |
| Revaluation reserve                          |      |                         |                       |                      | -                |                  |
| <b>Total charity funds</b>                   |      | <u>988,482</u>          | <u>81,403</u>         | <u>-</u>             | <u>1,069,885</u> | <u>1,074,437</u> |

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on <sup>12-12-21</sup> \*\*\*\*\* and signed on its behalf by

Name: *David W. Reid.*

Name: *Alan McKeown*

Date: *31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.*

Date: *31-12-21*

**DOUGLAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the congregation is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

**FUND ACCOUNTING**

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

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

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

**2 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

|                         | UNRESTRICTED<br>FUNDS<br>£ | RESTRICTED<br>FUNDS<br>£ | ENDOWMENT<br>FUNDS<br>£ | TOTAL<br>2020<br>£ | TOTAL<br>2019<br>£ |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Recorded giving:</b> |                            |                          |                         |                    |                    |
| Loose collections       | 49                         |                          |                         | 49                 | 210                |
| Donations and gifts     | 9,693                      | 444                      |                         | 10,137             | 11,342             |
| Gift Aid                |                            |                          |                         | -                  | 2,688              |
| Legacies and bequests   | 1,146                      |                          |                         | 1,146              | 1,874              |
|                         | 10,888                     | 444                      | -                       | 11,332             | 16,114             |
|                         | 10,888                     | 444                      | -                       | 11,332             | 16,114             |

**DOUGLAS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH A CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

|                                   | <b>UNRESTRICTED<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>RESTRICTED<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>ENDOWMENT<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>2020</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>2019</b> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                                   | £                             | £                           | £                          | £                     | £                     |
| Income from charitable activities |                               | 1,298                       |                            | 1,298                 | 2,090                 |
| Fees from weddings and funerals   |                               | 2,145                       |                            | 2,145                 | 250                   |
| Fundraising events                |                               | 1,865                       |                            | 1,865                 | 2,027                 |
| Membership fees                   | -                             |                             |                            | -                     | -                     |
| Grants                            |                               |                             |                            | -                     |                       |
|                                   | -                             | 5,308                       | -                          | 5,308                 | 4,367                 |

**4 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

|                     | <b>UNRESTRICTED<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>RESTRICTED<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>ENDOWMENT<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>2020</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>2019</b> |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                     | £                             | £                           | £                          | £                     | £                     |
| Letting of premises |                               |                             |                            | -                     |                       |
| Trading income      |                               |                             |                            | -                     |                       |
|                     | -                             | -                           | -                          | -                     | -                     |

**5 INVESTMENT INCOME**

|                             | <b>UNRESTRICTED<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>RESTRICTED<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>ENDOWMENT<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>2020</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>2019</b> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                             | £                             | £                           | £                          | £                     | £                     |
| Deposit interest            | 16                            |                             |                            | 16                    | 19                    |
| General Investment Fund     |                               |                             |                            | -                     |                       |
| Rents investment properties |                               |                             |                            | -                     |                       |
| Other investment income     |                               |                             |                            | -                     |                       |
|                             | 16                            | -                           | -                          | 16                    | 19                    |

**6 OTHER INCOME**

|                  | <b>UNRESTRICTED<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>RESTRICTED<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>ENDOWMENT<br/>FUNDS</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>2020</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>2019</b> |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|                  | £                             | £                           | £                          | £                     | £                     |
| Insurance claims |                               |                             |                            | -                     |                       |
| Other income     |                               | 8                           |                            | 8                     | 8                     |
|                  | -                             | 8                           | -                          | 8                     | 8                     |

**DOUGLAS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**7 RAISING FUNDS**

|                    | UNRESTRICTED<br>FUNDS | RESTRICTED<br>FUNDS | ENDOWMENT<br>FUNDS | TOTAL<br>2020 | TOTAL<br>2019 |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                    | £                     | £                   | £                  | £             | £             |
| FWO Envelopes      | 213                   |                     |                    | 213           | 224           |
| Fundraising events |                       |                     |                    | -             | -             |
|                    | 213                   | -                   | -                  | 213           | 224           |

**8 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

|                                     | UNRESTRICTED<br>FUNDS | RESTRICTED<br>FUNDS | ENDOWMENT<br>FUNDS | TOTAL<br>2020 | TOTAL<br>2019 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                     | £                     | £                   | £                  | £             | £             |
| General Assembly Assessments        | 2,702                 |                     |                    | 2,702         | 3,871         |
| Presbytery fees                     | 114                   |                     |                    | 114           | 114           |
| Ministry & support staff costs      | 10,724                |                     |                    | 10,724        | 11,080        |
| Congregational running expenses     | 446                   | 3,156               |                    | 3,602         | 6,006         |
| Donations to Missions and Charities |                       | 102                 |                    | 102           | 2,159         |
| Governance costs                    |                       |                     |                    | -             | -             |
|                                     | 13,986                | 3,258               | -                  | 17,244        | 23,230        |

**9 OTHER EXPENDITURE**

|                              | UNRESTRICTED<br>FUNDS | RESTRICTED<br>FUNDS | ENDOWMENT<br>FUNDS | TOTAL<br>2020 | TOTAL<br>2019 |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                              | £                     | £                   | £                  | £             | £             |
| Investment property expenses |                       |                     |                    | -             | -             |
| To Investment fund           |                       | 1,945               |                    | 1,945         | -             |
|                              | -                     | 1,945               | -                  | 1,945         | -             |

**10 FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at Camus Road, Douglas Bridge, Strabane, BT82 8QN along with the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £1,005,366

**11 INVESTMENTS**

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

|                         | 2020   | 2019   |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|
|                         | £      | £      |
| General Investment Fund | 72,738 | 73,187 |
| NI Central Inv fund     | 1,788  | 1,973  |
|                         | 74,526 | 75,160 |

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105621

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# Annual report

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**DOUGLAS 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 (NIC105621)**

**DOUGLAS 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**

Douglas Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
Camus Road  
Douglas Bridge  
Strabane  
BT82 8QE  
Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105621)

**CHARITY TRUSTEES**

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

David Reid  
Alan McKelvey  
Desmond McElrea

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Minister         | David William Reid |
| Clerk of Session | Alan McKelvey      |
| Treasurer        | Elaine McKelvey    |

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

**A McCaskie**  
**31 Seagully Road**  
**Drumquin**  
**Omagh**  
**BT78 4RD**

**BANKERS**

**Danske Bank  
PO BOX 183,  
Donegall Square West,  
BELFAST,  
BT1 6JS**

**SOLICITORS**

**Babington & Croasdale  
74 Railway Street  
Strabane**

**DOUGLAS 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 3 times each year.

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

**Presbytery**

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

## **DOUGLAS 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.

Douglas 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 to bring people to Jesus, support and nurture the Church family, magnify His name and build up Christians in their faith.

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

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

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

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.
- As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice.

**DOUGLAS 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 Lords Supper is observed on several occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds regular bible study and prayer meetings and has a wide range of organisations including

- Sunday School
- Bible Study
- Walking Group

Our members also participate in organisations run by our sister congregation in Ardstraw

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

**Worship and prayer**

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 10:15 am. During the week the Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at 0 Sacraments of Baptism, we conducted 0 marriage services and gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2020 there were 123 communicant members and 52 families connected with the congregation. The average week attendance at morning worship is 30

**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 or elders

**Mission and outreach**

At a local level the congregation made donations totalling £102.00 to various external missions and charities.

## **DOUGLAS 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 Sunday School project and any other special appeals.

### **Presbytery**

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our minister and / or one of the elders. This provides an important link between the congregation 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**

All Church property is maintained in good order

### **Organisations**

Sunday School meets on Sunday Morning at 10:30

Walking Group meets on Monday Evenings during the summer at 7:30 – suspended due to Covid

Bible Study meets on Thursday Evenings at 7:30

Prayer Meeting Thursday Evenings at 8:00

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

**Volunteers**

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

**PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**DOUGLAS 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 52 contributors during the year (52 in previous year, 2017) donating a total of £11,342 (£12,018.00 in previous year, 2018)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £16,664.00, compared to £20,508.00 in the previous year

Total expenditure decreased from £23,454.00 to £19402.00 .

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

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and signed on its behalf by

*David W. Reid.*

David W. Reid (Minister)

31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

*Alan McKelvey.*

Alan McKelvey (Clerk of Session)

31st December 2021

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105621

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# Annual return

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

I report on the accounts of the accounts of Douglas Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on the following pages.

## 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 Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters. My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

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

## Independent examiner's statement

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

Name:

A. McNeill

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