

# Sandholes Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105626

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2016-08-10

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

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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	£224,866	£58,962	£0	3

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Francis James Black		
Mr Kelvin William Henry		
Mr Leonard Mcivor		
Mr Malcolm Daniel Davidson		
Mr Norman Black		
Rev Sidney Joseph Mervyn Lindsay		

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

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# Accounts

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

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations and legacies	2	196,350	20,545	0	216,894	57,499
Charitable activities	3	1,750	1,677	0	3,427	2,250
Other trading activities	4	2,800	750	0	3,550	3,550
Investment Income	5	40	0	599	640	421
Other	6	355	0	0	355	587
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<b>Total Receipts</b>		201,295	22,972	599	224,866	64,308
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<b>Payments</b>						
Raising funds	7	373	0	0	373	315
Charitable activities	8	49,661	8,928	0	58,589	47,418
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<b>Total Payments</b>		50,034	8,928	0	58,962	47,733
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Net receipts / (payments)		151,262	14,044	599	165,904	16,574
Transfers between funds		701	(701)	0	0	0
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net movement in funds		151,963	13,343	599	165,904	16,574
Funds brought forward		7,555	76,541	31,846	115,943	99,368
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Funds carried forward	10	159,518	89,884	32,445	281,847	115,943
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**SANDHOLES CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

As at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at start of year	7,555	76,541	31,846	115,943	99,368
Net movement in funds	151,963	13,343	599	165,904	16,574
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Bank and Cash at end of year	159,518	89,884	32,445	281,847	115,943
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Deposit Accounts				32,445	31,846
Bank Current Accounts				249,402	84,023
Cash in Hand				0	74
				-----	-----
				281,847	115,943
				=====	=====
<b>Other Assets</b>					
Fixed Assets – Note 9				3,834,549	3,397,164
				=====	=====

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 19/12/2025 and signed on its behalf by

[Norman Black] *Norman Black*  
[19/12/25] *19/12/25*

[Malcolm Davidson] *Malcolm Davidson*  
[19/12/25] *19/12/25*

**SANDHOLES CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**31 December 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities (Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland)) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

**FUND ACCOUNTING**

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

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

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

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving	30,662	17,689	0	48,351	50,512
Loose collections	2,653	2,786	0	5,439	6,987
Donations and gifts	100	70	0	170	0
Gift Aid	0	0	0	0	0
Legacies and bequest	162,935	0	0	162,935	0
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	196,350	20,545	0	216,894	57,499
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**SANDHOLES CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**31 December 2024**

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Fees from funerals	1,750	0	0	1,750	2,250
Fundraising events	0	1,677	0	1,677	0
Grants	0	0	0	0	0
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	1,750	1,677	0	3,427	2,250
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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	2,800	750	0	3,550	3,550
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	2,800	750	0	3,550	3,550
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**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	40	0	0	40	27
General Investment Fund	0	0	599	599	395
Other investment income	0	0	0	0	0
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	40	0	599	640	421
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**SANDHOLES CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

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

31 December 2024

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Other income	355	0	0	355	587
	----- 355 -----	----- 0 -----	----- 0 -----	----- 355 -----	----- 587 -----

**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	373	0	0	373	315
	----- 373 -----	----- 0 -----	----- 0 -----	----- 373 -----	----- 315 -----

**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	9,494	0	0	9,494	6,736
Presbytery fees	302	0	0	302	259
Ministry and support staff costs	30,686	0	0	30,686	19,537
Congregational running expenses	9,179	6,581	0	15,760	17,389
Donations to Missions and charities	0	2,347	0	2,347	3,497
	----- 49,661 -----	----- 8,928 -----	----- 0 -----	----- 58,589 -----	----- 47,418 -----

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

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

**31 December 2024**

**9. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 8 Kiltyclogher Road, Cookstown, BT80 9AU and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £3,834,549 at the last renewal (31<sup>st</sup> October 2024).

**10. FUND BALANCES**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balance at start</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payment*</b>	<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
General	7,555	201,295	(50,034)	151,262	701	159,518
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	7,555	201,295	(50,034)	151,262	701	159,518
	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Sunday School	500	1,483	(781)	701	(701)	500
United Appeal**	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mission	2,977	3,246	(1,243)	2,003	0	4,980
PW	2,151	2,831	(1,639)	1,192	0	3,343
Repair	70,913	15,412	(5,264)	10,148	0	81,061
Presbyterian Mutual***	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	76,541	22,972	(8,928)	14,044	(701)	89,884
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<b>Endowment Funds</b>						
****Royal Bank of Scotland	15,000	0	0	0	0	15,000
Bequests	16,846	599	0	599	0	17,445
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	31,846	599	0	599	0	32,445
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<b>Total</b>	<b>115,943</b>	<b>224,866</b>	<b>(58,962)</b>	<b>165,904</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>281,847</b>
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**SANDHOLES CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2024**

\* Includes payments not finalised at end of the year.

\*\* United Appeal 2023 & 2024 payments outstanding at 31/12/24, not included above. To be paid out in 2025.

\*\*\* Balance not recovered from PMS is excluded from these accounts.

\*\*\*\* Distribution of bequest incomes in line with fund purposes for 2023 and 2024 to be paid out in 2025.



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# Accounts

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

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	33,433	24,066	0	57,499
Charitable activities	3	2,250	0	0	2,250
Other trading activities	4	2,800	750	0	3,550
Investment Income	5	27	0	395	421
Other	6	450	137	0	587
		-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>38,959</b>	<b>24,953</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>64,308</b>
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<b>Payments</b>					
Raising funds	7	315	0	0	315
Charitable activities	8	35,872	11,546	0	47,418
		-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>36,187</b>	<b>11,546</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47,733</b>
		-----	-----	-----	-----
Net receipts / (payments)		2,772	13,407	395	16,574
Transfers between funds		591	(591)	0	0
		-----	-----	-----	-----
Net movement in funds		3,363	12,817	395	16,574
Funds brought forward		4,192	63,725	31,451	99,368
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Funds carried forward	10	7,555	76,541	31,846	115,943
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**SANDHOLES CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

As at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>				
Bank and Cash at start of year	4,192	63,725	31,451	99,368
Net movement in funds	3,363	12,817	395	16,574
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Bank and Cash at end of year	7,555	76,541	31,846	115,943
	=====	=====	=====	=====
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>				
Bank Deposit Accounts				31,846
Bank Current Accounts				84,023
Cash in Hand				74
				-----
				115,943
				=====
<b>Other Assets</b>				
Property – Note 9				3,397,164
Gift Aid receivable in Donations				0
				-----
				3,397,164
				=====

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 19/12/2025 and signed on its behalf by

[Norman Black] *Norman Black*  
[19/12/25] *19/12/25.*

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**SANDHOLES CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**31 December 2023**

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**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:	30,342	20,170	0	50,512
Loose collections	3,091	3,896	0	6,987
Donations and gifts	0	0	0	0
Gift Aid	0	0	0	0
Legacies and bequest	0	0	0	0
	-----	-----	-----	-----
	33,433	24,066	0	57,499
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**SANDHOLES CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**31 December 2023**

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Fees from funerals	2,250	0	0	2,250
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	0	0
	-----	-----	-----	-----
	2,250	0	0	2,250
	-----	-----	-----	-----

**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	2,800	750	0	3,550
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	2,800	750	0	3,550
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**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	27	0	0	27
General Investment Fund	0	0	395	395
Other investment income	0	0	0	0
	-----	-----	-----	-----
	27	0	395	421
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**SANDHOLES CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2023

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Other income	450	137	0	587
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	450	137	0	587
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**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	315	0	0	315
	-----	-----	-----	-----
	315	0	0	315
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**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	6,736	0	0	6,736
Presbytery fees	259	0	0	259
Ministry and support staff costs	19,537	0	0	19,537
Congregational running expenses	9,340	8,049	0	17,389
Donations to Missions and charities	0	3,497	0	3,497
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	35,872	11,546	0	47,418
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**SANDHOLES CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**9. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 8 Kiltyclogher Road, Cookstown, BT80 9AU and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £3,397,164 at the last renewal (31<sup>st</sup> October 2022).

**10. FUND BALANCES**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balance at start</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
General	4,192	38,959	(36,187)	2,772	591	7,555
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	4,192	38,959	(36,187)	2,772	591	7,555
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<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Sunday School	500	1,338	(747)	591	(591)	500
United Appeal*	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mission	223	5,066	(2,312)	2,754	0	2,977
PW	2,621	1,342	(1,812)	(470)	0	2,151
Repair	60,381	17,208	(6,676)	10,533	0	70,913
Presbyterian Mutual**	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	63,725	24,953	(11,546)	13,407	(591)	76,541
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<b>Endowment Funds</b>						
Royal Bank of Scotland	15,000	0	0	0	0	15,000
Requests***	16,451	395	0	395	0	16,846
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	31,451	395	0	395	0	31,846
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<b>Total</b>	<b>99,368</b>	<b>64,308</b>	<b>(47,733)</b>	<b>16,574</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>115,943</b>
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**SANDHOLES CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

- \* United Appeal 2023 payment outstanding at 31/12/24, not included above. To be paid out in 2025.
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# Annual report

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

**Trustees Annual Report  
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105626)**

## **SANDHOLES 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**

SANDHOLES congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
8 Kiltyclogher Road, Sandholes, Cookstown BT80 9AU

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105626)

### **CHARITY TRUSTEES**

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

Rev. S. J. Mervyn Lindsay  
Mr. Francis Black  
Mr. Malcolm Davidson  
Mr. Leonard McIvor

Mr. Norman Black  
Mr. Kelvin Henry

### **PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister  
Clerk of Session  
Treasurer

Rev. S. J. Mervyn Lindsay  
Vacant  
Mr. Kelvin Henry

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

**Mr Colin Barnes**  
**28 Tullyodonnell Road**  
**Dungannon**  
**BT70 3JE**

### **BANKERS**

**Danske Bank**  
**45-48 High Street**  
**Portadown**  
**Craigavon**  
**BT62 1LB**

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

**SOLICITORS**

**Millar, Shearer & Black  
40 Molesworth Street  
Cookstown  
BT80 8PH**

**STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

**The Kirk Session**

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk Session are held at least twice in each year.

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**

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

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. Sandholes congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Tyrone Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

### **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.

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

The congregation's mission purposes is, *by the grace of God, to help people of all ages become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:*

- *is 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:*

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

- *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*

### **ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday at 10.30am and at 7.00pm on the fourth Sunday of the month and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on two 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 meetings jointly with Pomeroy congregation and has a wide range of organisations including

- Sunday School
- Youth Fellowship (jointly with Pomeroy congregation)
- Badminton Club
- Bowling Club
- P W – Women's group
- Good News Club
- Midweek meeting (jointly with Pomeroy congregation)
- Annual Holiday Bible Club (jointly with Pomeroy congregation)

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

#### **Worship and prayer**

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 10.30am and at 7.00pm on the fourth Sunday of the month September to June. 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 one Baptism service. No people were admitted to communicant membership and to the Lord's

## **SANDHOLES CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

### **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

Supper on profession of faith. We conducted five funeral services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2023 there were 100 communicant members and 81 families connected with the congregation. The average week attendance at morning worship is 43.

#### **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 and elders.

#### **Mission and outreach**

The following is a summary the congregation's local mission and outreach including donations to external missions and agencies.

At a local level the congregation continues to make good use of our new Church Hall which enhances our capabilities for outreach. We have had a number of fundraising and other events in the Church and Church Hall which included a Family BBQ & Fun Evening with Bouncy castle for the children. We also hosted the RUC G. C. East Tyrone Branch Annual Carol Service which was very successful and made us accessible to the wider community. We also had an Act of Remembrance in our service on Remembrance Sunday which draws some people from the community.

Our hall was used the CEF Mid-Ulster Committee for monthly meetings. Sandholes Community Group also uses our property for their annual Carol Service and switching on of the Christmas tree lights. We held our annual congregational Christmas dinner in the hall. The minister takes School Assemblies in two local primary schools and two local high schools. He and another member of the congregation are on the Board of Governors of Donaghey P.S. We are involved in a churches football league in the summer which helps to make a connection with those who are not regular attendees of our church. Representative from a number of Missionary Organisations have the opportunity to speak about their work at various Sunday services and Midweek meetings as well as at PW meetings. Some of our Young People were involved in Summer Outreach teams at home and in England.

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

## **SANDHOLES CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

### **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

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 e.g. The Moderator's Appeal for Indonesia.

#### **Presbytery**

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

#### **General Assembly**

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

#### **Property**

We have a new Church Hall, and our church building is in good repair. No major repairs or refurbishment projects were needed during the year.

#### **Organisations**

A brief summary of the organisations and what they did during the year.

Our Sunday School meets on Sunday mornings when around 20 children and young people are taught from the Bible. Our Youth Fellowship also meets on Sunday evenings, alternating with Pomeroy congregation, when a group of young people find help and develop friendships as they are encouraged to follow Christ and to growth in the Christian faith. They also enjoyed these benefits at their annual residential weekend away.

Our bowling club meets each Monday night from September to March. The club has members from the wider community and takes part in the South Tyrone Churches League. It joins another church bowling club for a meal and presentation of prizes in a local hotel.

On Tuesday nights the Badminton Club meets and caters for a wide range of children and adults many from the local community with around 50 in attendance.

Our ladies' group, P. W., also meets monthly on Wednesday evenings during the winter season. Various guest speakers encourage the development of Christian growth and support for Mission.

On Thursday nights, alternating with Pomeroy congregation, we have a Midweek meeting for prayer and Bible study, and a number of missionary speakers come during the year.

Average attendance is around 12.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

At various times throughout the winter months we run a Good News Club for children on Tuesday nights. And in the summer, alternating with Pomeroy congregation, we hold a Holiday Bible Club with an attendance of over 50 in 2023, including many from without the congregation.

**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

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

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.

**SANDHOLES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 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 72 families donating a total of £30,342 (£32,612 in 2019)

Total receipts for the congregation during the year was £64,308 when compared to £115,105 (2019).

Total payments by the congregation during the year was £47,733 when compared to £107,476 (2019).

Whilst Weekly freewill offering hasn't recovered to pre-covid levels, total receipts are ahead of total payments by approx. £17k. The congregation has completed all loan repayments associated with the building of its new hall.

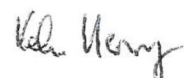
**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

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

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: 

Name: Kelvin Henry

Date: 19/12/25

Signed: 

Name: Malcolm Davidson

Date: 19/12/25

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 105626

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# Annual return

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

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Respective responsibilities of the charity Trustees and examiner**

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the "Charities Act").

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 Charities Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined the charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act. 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 disclosure in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the charity Trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

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; and
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

**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 the attention of the Trustees.

Name: Colin Barnes

Address: 28 Tullyodonnell Road, Dungannon, BT70 3JE

Signed: 

Date: 3/1/2026

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# Accounts

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**SANDHOLES CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)**  
for the year ended 31 December 2019

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2019	Total 2018
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations and legacies	2	41,207	59,760	0	100,967	111,441
Charitable activities	3	40	9,705	0	9,745	7,539
Other trading activities	4	2,975	625	0	3,600	3,400
Investment Income	5	560	33	0	593	589
Other	6	200	0	0	200	270
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		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total Receipts</b>		44,982	70,123		115,105	123,239
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<b>Payments</b>						
Raising funds	7	386	0	0	386	318
Charitable activities	8	44,686	20,554	0	65,240	57,613
Investment costs		0	512	0	512	4,507
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
		45,072	21,066	0	66,138	62,438
Loan Repayments	11	0	41,338	0	41,338	86,561
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<b>Total Payments</b>		45,072	62,404	0	107,476	148,999
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net receipts / (payments)		(90)	7,719	0	7,629	(25,760)
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0	0
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Net movement in funds		(90)	7,719	0	7,629	(25,760)
Funds brought forward		(652)	51,104	31,451	81,903	107,663
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Funds carried forward	12	(742)	58,213	31,451	89,532	81,903
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**SANDHOLES CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

As at 31 December 2019

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2018	Total Funds 2018
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at start of year	(652)	51,104	31,451	81,903	107,663
Net movement in funds	(90)	<del>7,709</del> 7,719	0	7,629	(25,760)
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Bank and Cash at end of year	(742)	<del>58,213</del> 58,823	31,451	89,532	81,903
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Deposit Accounts				56,359	56,359
Bank Current Accounts				33,028	25,458
Cash in Hand				145	86
				-----	-----
				89,532	81,903
				=====	=====
<b>Other Assets</b>					
Investments – Note 11				2,922,008	2,922,008
Gift Aid receivable on donations				8,135	9,737
				-----	-----
				2,931,745	2,931,745
				=====	=====
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Loans – Note 11				29,816	71,154
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				29,816	71,154
				=====	=====

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 31/10/2020 and signed on its behalf by

[Norman Black]

[Malcolm Davidson]

[31/10/20]

[31/10/20]

*Norman Black*

*Malcolm Davidson*

**SANDHOLES CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**31 December 2019**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities (Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

**FUND ACCOUNTING**

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

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

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

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2019</b>	<b>Total 2018</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:	32,612	45,146	0	77,758	85,299
Loose collections	2,548	1,240	0	3,788	2,182
Donations and gifts	1,680	4,570	0	6,250	5,187
Gift Aid	4,367	8,804	0	13,171	17,273
Legacies and bequest	0	0	0	0	1,500
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	41,207	59,760	0	100,967	111,441
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**SANDHOLES CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**31 December 2019**

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2019</b>	<b>Total 2018</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Fees from funerals	40	1,400	0	1,440	860
Fundraising events	0	7,765	0	7,765	5,914
Grants	0	540	0	540	765
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	40	9,705	0	9,745	7,539
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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2019</b>	<b>Total 2018</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	2,975	625	0	3,600	3,400
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	2,975	625	0	3,600	3,400
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**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2019</b>	<b>Total 2018</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	4	23	0	27	33
General Investment Fund	110	10	0	120	118
Other investment income	446	0	0	446	438
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	560	33	0	593	589
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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2019**

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2019</b>	<b>Total 2018</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Other income	200	0	0	200	270
	----- 200 -----	----- 0 -----	----- 0 -----	----- 200 -----	----- 270 -----

**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2019</b>	<b>Total 2018</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	386	0	0	386	318
	----- 386 -----	----- 0 -----	----- 0 -----	----- 386 -----	----- 318 -----

**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2019</b>	<b>Total 2018</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	9,587	0	0	9,587	9,229
Presbytery fees	345	0	0	345	452
Ministry and support staff costs	27,446	0	0	27,446	28,076
Congregational running expenses	6,448	14,369	0	20,817	14,972
Donations to Missions and charities	860	6,185	0	7,045	4,884
	----- 44,686 -----	----- 20,554 -----	----- 0 -----	----- 65,240 -----	----- 57,613 -----

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

**31 December 2019**

**9. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 8 Kiltyclogher Road, Cookstown, BT80 9AU and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £2,922,008.

**10. FUND BALANCES**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balance at start</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
General	(652)	44,982	45,072	(90)	0	(742)
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	(652)	44,982	45,072	(90)	0	(742)
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<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Sunday School	8,647	1,968	3,393	(1,425)	0	7,222
United Appeal	0	0	3,445	(3,445)	3,445	0
Mission	494	3,704	290	3,414	(3,445)	463
PW	3,207	2,776	3,562	(786)	0	2,421
Repair	13,848	61,676	51,715	9,961	0	23,809
Presbyterian Mutual	24,908	0	0	0	0	24,908
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	51,104	70,124	62,405	7,719	0	58,823
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<b>Endowment Funds</b>						
*Royal Bank of Scotland	15,000	0	0	0	0	15,000
Requests	16,451	0	0	0	0	16,451
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	31,451	0	0	0	0	31,451
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<b>Total</b>	<b>81,903</b>	<b>115,106</b>	<b>107,477</b>	<b>7,629</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>89,532</b>
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**SANDHOLES CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2019**

**11. LOAN**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balance at start</b>	<b>New Loan</b>	<b>Repaid</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Net repaid</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Loan	71,154	0	41,850	512	41,338	29,816
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<b>Total</b>	<b>71,154</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41,850</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>41,338</b>	<b>29,816</b>
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**Sandholes Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105626

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# Annual report

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

**Trustees Annual Report  
for the year ended 31 December 2019**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105626)**

## **SANDHOLES 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 2019 Including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

SANDHOLES congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
8 Kiltyclogher Road, Sandholes, Cookstown BT80 9AU

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105626)

### **CHARITY TRUSTEES**

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

Rev. S. J. Mervyn Lindsay  
Mr. Albert J. Black  
Mr. Francis Black  
Mr. Kelvin Henry

Mr. Norman Black  
Mr. Malcolm Davidson  
Mr. Leonard McIvor

### **PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister  
Clerk of Session  
Treasurer

Rev. S. J. Mervyn Lindsay  
Vacant  
Mr. Kelvin Henry

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

**Miss Shirley Watt**  
**18 Coolmaghry Road**  
**Dungannon**  
**BT70 3HJ**

### **BANKERS**

**Danske Bank**  
**45-48 High Street**  
**Portadown**  
**Craigavon**  
**BT62 1LB**

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

**SOLICITORS**

**Millar, Shearer & Black  
40 Molesworth Street  
Cookstown  
BT80 8PH**

**STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

**The Kirk Session**

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk Session are held at least twice in each year.

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**

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

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. Sandholes congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Tyrone Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

### **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.

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

The congregation's mission purposes is, *by the grace of God, to help people of all ages become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:*

- *is 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:*

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- *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*

### **ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday at 10.30am and at 7.00pm on the fourth Sunday of the month and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on two 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 meetings jointly with Pomeroy congregation and has a wide range of organisations including

- Sunday School
- Youth Fellowship (jointly with Pomeroy congregation)
- Praise Group (jointly with Pomeroy congregation)
- Badminton Club
- Bowling Club
- P W – Women's group
- Good News Club
- Midweek meeting (jointly with Pomeroy congregation)
- Annual Holiday Bible Club (jointly with Pomeroy congregation)

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

#### **Worship and prayer**

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 10.30am and at 7.00pm on the fourth Sunday of the month September to June. 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 a Baptism service. Four young people were admitted to communicant membership and to the Lord's Supper on profession of faith. We held two wedding services and we conducted four funeral services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

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At 31 December 2019 there were 113 communicant members and 82 families connected with the congregation. The average week attendance at morning worship is 62.

#### **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 and elders.

#### **Mission and outreach**

The following is a summary the congregation's local mission and outreach including donations to external missions and agencies.

At a local level the congregation continues to make good use of our new Church Hall which enhances our capabilities for outreach. We have had a number of fundraising and other events in the Church and Church Hall which included a Praise Service led by a Male Voice Choir, a Family BBQ & Fun Evening, and the Harvest Country Fair and Tractor Run which were all very successful and made us accessible to the wider community. We also had an Act of Remembrance in our service on Remembrance Sunday which draws some people from the community.

Our hall was used the CEF Mid-Ulster Committee for monthly meetings. Sandholes Community Group also uses our property for their annual Carol Service and switching on of the Christmas tree lights. We held our annual congregational Christmas dinner in the hall. The minister takes School Assemblies in two local primary schools and two local high schools. He and another member of the congregation are on the Board of Governors of Donaghey P.S. We are involved in a churches football league in the summer which helps to make a connection with those who are not regular attendees of our church. Representative from a number of Missionary Organisations have the opportunity to speak about their work at various Sunday services and Midweek meetings as well as at PW meetings. Some of our Young People were involved in Summer Outreach teams at home and in England.

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

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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 e.g. The Moderator's Appeal for Indonesia.

### **Presbytery**

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

### **General Assembly**

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

### **Property**

We have a new Church Hall, and our church building is in good repair. No major repairs or refurbishment projects were needed during the year.

### **Organisations**

A brief summary of the organisations and what they did during the year.

Our Sunday School meets on Sunday mornings when around 22 children and young people are taught from the Bible. Our Youth Fellowship also meets on Sunday evenings, alternating with Pomeroy congregation, when a group of young people find help and develop friendships as they are encouraged to follow Christ and to growth in the Christian faith. They also enjoyed these benefits at their annual residential weekend away in April.

Our bowling club meets each Monday night from September to March. The club has members from the wider community and takes part in the South Tyrone Churches League. It joins another church bowling club for a meal and presentation of prizes in a local hotel.

On Tuesday nights the Badminton Club meets and caters for a wide range of children and adults many from the local community with around 50 in attendance.

Our ladies group, P W also meets monthly on Wednesday evenings during the winter season. Various guest speakers encourage the development of Christian growth and support for Mission.

On Thursday nights, alternating with Pomeroy congregation, we have a Midweek meeting for prayer and Bible study, and a number of missionary speakers come during the year.

Average attendance is around 12.

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At various times throughout the winter months we run a Good News Club for children on Thursday nights. And in the summer, alternating with Pomeroy congregation, we hold a Holiday Bible Club with an attendance of over 50 in 2019, including many from without the congregation.

**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

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individuals that the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is in direct and indirect contact with, the community in which pastoral services are provided and other communities throughout Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and worldwide which benefit from our engagement with and support for both Christian and other secular organisations, charities and individual members of the public.

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

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 72 families donating a total of £32,612 (£33,754 in 2018)

Total receipts for the congregation during the year was £115,105 when compared to £123,239 (2018).

Total payments by the congregation during the year was £107,476 when compared to £148,999 (2018).

Whilst income receipts have dropped by approx. £8,000, outgoings have reduced by approx. £40,000 as the congregation has continued to repay the loan taken out to finance the building of its new hall.

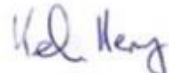
**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

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

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: 

Name: Kelvin Henry

Date: 30/10/20

Signed: 

Name: Malcolm Davidson

Date: 30/10/20

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

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# Annual return

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## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SANDHOLES CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND (#105626-0)**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2019.

### **Respective responsibilities of the charity Trustees and examiner**

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the "Charities Act").

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 Charities Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined the charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act. 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 disclosure in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the charity Trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

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; and
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 the attention of the Trustees.



Name: Shirley Watt

Address: 18 Coolmaghry Road, Donaghmore

Date: 31 October 2020