

Sion Mills Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105646

Details

Status Received

Registered 2016-08-11

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

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Activities

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

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£76,773	£33,952	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Colin Robert Campbell		
Mr David Joseph McCallan		
Mr George Hamilton		
Mr Noel Gailey		
Mr Roy Kee		
Mrs Elizabeth Rachel Snodgrass		
Mrs Irene Phylis Doherty		
Mrs Mary Kee		

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SION MILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NO 1 ACCOUNT AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	INCOME		EXPENDITURE		
	£	£	£	£	
BALANCE IN BANK AT 31/12/2023	36,347.84	36,347.84	ORGANIST	1,125.00	
SPECIFIED SOURCES:			Strabane EXPENSES	1,892.93	
FWO - ENVELOPES	32,116.71		PULPIT SUPPLY	3,143.90	
Gift Aid - for 2023	3,455.00	35,571.71	Convenor Expenses	2,398.50	8,560.33
OPEN PLATE	126.00	126.00	ASSEMBLY ASSESSMENTS		
OTHER INCOME:			Central Ministry Fund	686.00	
UNITED APPEAL ENVELOPES (TARGET £3,621)	1,785.00		Communications Department	192.00	
Gift Aid - for 2023	278.75		Widows of Ministers' Fund	123.00	
FROM SLIMMING WORLD INCOME	1,073.50	3,137.25	STUDENTS BURSARY Fund	220.00	
WORLD DEVELOPMENT ENVELOPES	200.00		INCIDENTAL FUND	494.00	
Gift Aid - for 2023	30.00	230.00	Prolonged Disbability Fund	96.00	
			Sick Supply	3.00	
			Assembly buildings work	247.00	
			Ministerial Dev Fund	14.00	2,075.00
BANK & Gift Aid INTEREST	950.76	950.76	United Appeal (100% of £3,621)	3,621.00	
Coffee morning	1,500.00	1,500.00	World Development	277.50	3,898.50
Magazines	160.00	160.00	(included Gift Aid from 2023)		
PW Heat& Light contribution	150.00	150.00	Foyle Hospice (Coffee Morning)	1,500.00	
Meet & Greet use of halls	1,250.00	1,250.00	Leukemia Reseach DIL H Kerr	100.00	
Sunday School closiing account balance	1,887.29	1,887.29	Gift Rev Stephan Van Os	200.00	1,800.00
TOTAL		81,310.85			

GENERAL EXPENDITURE		
BANK FEES	201.46	
PRESBYTERY FEES	334.00	
COPYRIGHT LICENCE	248.00	
Power NI (church & halls)	1,797.67	
Oil	2,297.00	
2025 Fwo Envelopes	252.50	
West Fire 2023 inspection	652.80	
Presbyterian Herald	300.00	
Weedkiller	40.00	
Expenses with relocating oil tank	210.40	
Sunday School purchases, TV etc	335.00	
Printing & stationery	165.00	
Books/Faith Mission	3.10	
Service Boiler & repairs	250.00	
Catering/kitchen supplies	104.34	
Sound System for hall	1,538.52	
Insurance Church & halls	1,942.39	
Electrical repairs	181.00	10,853.18
Balance in Bank 31/12/2024	54,123.84	54,123.84
TOTAL		81,310.85

SION MILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BUILDING & RESERVE ACCOUNT AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	£	£		£
Balance in Bank at 31/12/2023	324,366.12	324,366.12	Bank Fees	18.00
Building & Reserve envelopes	11,868.50		Weekly envelopes 2025	252.50
Gift Aid B&R 2023	2,424.50	14,293.00	Harvest & Easter env 2025	45.00
Easter Appeal envelopes	785.00		Roof repairs (Hall)	1,557.89
Gift Aid Easter 2023	106.25	891.25	To meet UA Target	1,073.50
Harvest Appeal envelopes	1,225.00			
Gift Aid Harvest 2023	160.00	1,385.00	Bank balance 31/12/2024	344,668.48
DONATIONS FOR USE OF HALLS				
Slimming Word	6,180.00	6,180.00		
For use of Hall Gough Family	100.00			
For use of Hall Kidd Family	100.00			
For use of Hall Mrs Lil Dickson	200.00	400.00		
Donation in memory of Dean Olphert	100.00	100.00		
TOTAL		347,615.37	TOTAL	347,615.37

Sion Mills Presbyterian Church MANSE ACCOUNT

Opening balance 31/12/2023	28,764.71	Bank Fees	33.57
Rental Income - R Campbell	5,941.88	Rates	1,650.13
		Insurance	439.35
		Gardener	600.00
		Petrol for lawnmower	66.00
		manse repairs	540.00
		Balance 31/12/2024	31,377.54
TOTAL	34,706.59	TOTAL	34,706.59

Sion Mills Presbyterian Church - MOTHER & TODDLERS ACCOUNT

Opening balance at 31/12/2023	903.99	Bank Balance 31/12/2024	903.99
TOTAL	903.99	TOTAL	903.99

Sion Mills Presbyterian Church - Sunday School Account

Balance in Bank 31/12/2023	1,887.29	To Number 1 Account	1,887.29
ACCOUNT CLOSED		ACCOUNT CLOSED	
TOTAL	1,887.29	TOTAL	1,887.29

Sion Mills PW Account

Balance in Bank 31/12/2023	276.43	Speaker	20.00
Smartie Boxes	180.20	Mission Fund	200.00
PW Service	448.00	To SMPC for heat & light	150.00
		M.S. Donation	40.00
		PW Service expenses	125.00
		Bank balance 31/12/2024	369.63
TOTAL	904.63	TOTAL	904.63

Sion Mills Presbyterian Church - First Trust Select Account

Balance in Bank 31/12/2023	38.43	Bank Balance 31/12/2024	39.08
Interest	0.65		
TOTAL	39.08	TOTAL	39.08

Sion Mills Presbyterian Church - BOI Classic Saver Account

Balance in Bank 31/12/2023	1,920.84	Bank Balance 31/12/2024	1,953.38
Interest	32.54		
TOTAL	1,953.38	TOTAL	1,953.38

Urney & Sion Benevolent Fund

Opening Balance 31/12/2023	2,245.36		
from Urney Charities	100.00		
Bank Interest	37.43	Bank balance 31/12/2024	2,382.79
TOTAL	2,382.79	TOTAL	2,382.79

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	INCOME		EXPENDITURE		
	£	£	£	£	
BALANCE IN BANK AT 31/12/2022	25,577.03	25,577.03	ORGANIST	1,100.00	
SPECIFIED SOURCES:			Strabane EXPENSES	11,535.06	
FWO - ENVELOPES	31,480.50		PULPIT SUPPLY	2,478.59	
Gift Aid - for 2021 & 2022	7,306.62	38,787.12	Convenor Expenses	2,398.51	17,512.16
OPEN PLATE	127.00	127.00	ASSEMBLY ASSESSMENTS		
OTHER INCOME:			Central Ministry Fund	817.00	
UNITED APPEAL ENVELOPES (TARGET £3,995)	1,995.00		Widows of Ministers' Fund	167.00	
Gift Aid - for 2021 & 2022	483.75		STUDENTS BURSARY Fund	297.00	
FROM SLIMMING WORLD INCOME	2,000.00	4,478.75	INCIDENTAL FUND	669.00	
			Prolonged Disbability Fund	167.00	
WORLD DEVELOPMENT ENVELOPES	150.00		Sick Supply	7.00	
Gift Aid - for 2021 & 2022	47.50	197.50	Assembly buildings work	371.00	
			Ministerial Dev Fund	74.00	2,569.00
BANK & Gift Aid INTEREST	877.18	877.18	United Appeal (100% of £3,995)	3,995.00	
Coffee morning	2,000.00	2,000.00	World Development	150.00	
PW Heat& Light contribution	150.00	150.00			4,145.00
Insurance re hall burst pipes	4,762.00	4,762.00	Belfast City Mission	100.00	
			Children's Heartbeat	2,000.00	2,100.00
TOTAL		76,956.58			
Automated payments:			GENERAL EXPENDITURE		
Richard Clarke	300				

Richard Campbell	260
Pamela Lucas	240
Gareth Harpur	85
Daphne Kee	300
Adrian McMahan	110
Ashlene Henderson	500
Lil Dickson	300
Noel & O Gailey	250
Mark & Doris McCrabbe	500

BANK FEES	193.11	
PRESBYTERY FEES	389.00	
COPYRIGHT LICENCE	231.00	
Power NI (church & halls)	455.58	
Oil	3,464.00	
Work to hall after burst pipes	5,676.00	
West Fire 2022 inspection	382.80	
Catering supplies	391.44	
Kettles and trays	59.44	
Trolley for kitchen	147.99	
Gas Tank	29.99	
PVC table cloths	88.00	
Aprons	100.00	
2024 Fwo Envelopes	252.50	
Carol services gifts & donation (School)	127.50	
Printing & stationery	165.00	
Books/Faith Mission	278.68	
Insurance Church & halls	1,850.55	14,282.58
Balance in Bank 31/12/2023		36,347.84
TOTAL		76,956.58

SION MILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BUILDING & RESERVE ACCOUNT AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	£	£		£
Balance in Bank at 31/12/2022	315,820.25	315,820.25	Bank Fees	18.00
Building & Reserve envelopes	13,154.50		Weekly envelopes 2024	252.50
Gift Aid B&R 2021 & 2022	3,828.25	16,982.75	Harvest & Easter env 2024	50.00
Easter Appeal envelopes	680.00		Lowry Construction retention	12,297.63
Gift Aid Easter 2021 & 2022	256.25	936.25	New cooker for kitchen	1,630.00
Harvest Appeal envelopes	1,215.00		Island in kitchen	1,600.00
Gift Aid Harvest 2021 & 2022	350.00	1,565.00	To meet UA Target	2,000.00
DONATIONS FOR USE OF HALLS				
Slimming Word	5,990.00	5,990.00		
Lieu flowers Miss Betty Boothe	20.00	20.00	Bank balance 31/12/2023	324,366.12
Funeral tea Mr Timmy Kee	400.00			
Funeral tea Mrs Elsie Crompton	300.00	700.00		
Donation Muldoons	200.00	200.00		
TOTAL		342,214.25	TOTAL	342,214.25
Automated payments				
Adrian McMahan	120.00			
Gary & S McM	200.00			
Lil Dickson	200.00			
Mark & D McCrabbe	500.00			
Ashlene Henderson	200.00			

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Annual report

**SION MILLS CONGREGATION
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

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

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland {NIC105646}

**SION MILLS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

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

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Sion Mills congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
149 Melmount Road, Sion Mills, Co Tyrone, BT82 9EX

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105646)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Mr Colin Campbell	Mr George Hamilton
Mr Roy Kee	Mr Noel Gailey
Mr David McCallan	Mrs Irene Doherty
Mrs Elizabeth Snodgrass	Mrs Mary Kee

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	
Clerk of Session	Colin Campbell
Treasurer	Ashlene Henderson

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

BANKERS

Danske Bank, 66 Main Street, Strabane, Co Tyrone, BT82 SAX

SOLICITORS

Babingtons Solicitors, 74 Railway Street, Strabane, BT82 SEQ

**SION MILLS 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 Sessions has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are normally held at least 5 times per 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. Sion Mills congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Derry & Donegal 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.

Sion Mills 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.

Our Mission Statement is that under the Lordship of Jesus Christ we might reach others by our actions and our words and bring them into a new found faith and by good clear Bible based teaching assist in their development into strong and mature disciples for Christ.

The congregation aims:

- (a) To reach out to all communities in love with deeds of kindness in the name of Jesus Christ.
- (b) To reach out to everyone with the good news about Jesus Christ.
- (c) To ensure that in the preaching and teaching the Gospel of God's grace is central.
- (d) To, through prayer and evangelism, see unbelieving people become faithful followers of Jesus Christ.
- (e) To see Christians, by encouragement and Biblical teaching, become more mature in their faith.
- (f) To seek, in Christ's strength, to continue to be a faithful witness in the present and in the future.

**SION MILLS 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 4 Sundays 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 joint with Strabane congregation and has a wide range of organisations including

- Sunday School
PW

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 10.00am. 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 gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31st December 2023 there were 102 communicant members and 93 families connected with the congregations. The average week attendance at morning worship is 45.

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders and pastoral care assistant.

Mission and outreach

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

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

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

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

The annual General Assembly was held in June 2023.

Property

We continue to enjoy weekly worship in the Church building which reopened on 29th April 2017 after renovations.

Organisations

The PW meet on a monthly basis, and invite speakers each month to deliver a presentation to the group. The PW enjoy a Christmas dinner evening and a summer outing each year.

The Sunday School meet each Sunday during the service from September to June, there are between 7-12 children attending on a regular basis.

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.

**SION MILLS 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 101 contributors during the donating a total of £38,914

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £77,773

Total expenditure this year was £58,486.

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 in 2023 does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

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

Approved by the Kirk Session and signed on its behalf by

Mr Noel Gailey

2nd August 2023

Mr Colin Campbell

2nd August 2023

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Annual return

Accounts were not reviewed for 2023

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SION MILLS 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 2020	Total 2019
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	35,584	25,471	0	61,055	73,259
Charitable Activities	3	0	2,017	0	2,017	4,886
Other Trading Activity	4	0	5,725	0	5,725	5,674
Investment Income	5	683	24	0	707	868
Other	6	376	0	0	376	368
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		36,643	33,237	0	69,880	85,325
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Total Receipts		36,643	33,237	0	69,880	85,325
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Payments						
Raising funds	7	250	300	0	550	675
Charitable Activities	8	31,488	3,142	0	34,630	42,694
Investment costs			1,480		1,480	0
Other	9	376	5,234	0	5,610	12,575
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Purchase of Investments						
Purchase of fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
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Total Payments		32,116	10,156		42,272	55,944
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Net receipts / (payments)		4,527	23,080		27,607	29,429
Transfers between funds						
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Net movement in funds		15,478	298,127		313,605	285,998
Funds brought forward						
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Funds carried forward	12	15,478	298,127	0	313,605	285,998
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**SION MILLS 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 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	10,951	275,047	0	285,998	256,616
Net movement in funds	4,527	23,080		27,607	29,381
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Bank and Cash at end of year	15,478	298,127		313,605	285,998
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts					
Bank Current Accounts				313,605	285,998
Cash in Hand				-----	-----
				313,605	285,998
				=====	=====
Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 10					
- Church, Halls & Manse Premises				1,807,727	1,690,491
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment					
Investments – Note 11				0	1,480
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				1,807,727	1,691,971
				=====	=====
Liabilities					
Loans				0	0
Other				0	0
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 20th May 2021, and signed on its behalf by

D. M. Shaw

Rev Mark Shaw

2nd August 2021

Colin Campbell

Mr Colin Campbell

2nd August 2021

SION MILLS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31 December 2020

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

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:	31,426	18,573	0	49,999	50,018
Loose collections	58		0	58	720
Donations and gifts	255	3,875	0	4,130	9,999
Gift Aid	3,845	3,023	0	6,868	12,792
Legacies and bequest	0	0			
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	35,584	25,471	0	61,055	73,529
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SION MILLS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2020

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	0	222		222	2,761
Fees from funeral teas		1,000		1,000	1,750
Fundraising events	0			0	0
Membership fees		395		395	375
Grants		400		400	0
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	0	2,017	0	2,017	4,886
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises (manse)	-	5,725		5,725	5,674
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		5,725		5,725	5,674
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	683	24		707	868
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	683	24		707	868
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SION MILLS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2020

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims					
Other income (Periodicals)	376			376	368
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	376			376	368
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	250	300		550	530
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	145
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	250	300	0	550	675
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	3,374	0	0		3,396
Presbytery fees	394	0	0		394
Ministry and support staff costs	20,479	0	0		20,914
Congregational running expenses	7,141	577			10,494
Organisation running expenses	0	35			1,404
Donations to Missions & charities	100	2,530			6,092
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	31,488	3,142	0	34,630	42,694
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SION MILLS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2019

9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Periodicals	376			376	367
Building & Property expenses	0	2,640	0	2,640	9,582
Letting of property	0	2,594	0	2,594	2,626
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	376	5,234	0	5,610	12,575
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10. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at [address of property] and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £1,807,727.

11. INVESTMENTS

The congregation was owed £1,480 from Presbyterian Mutual Society, but has been advised that this value should be written off, as it will not be repaid by the Society.

	2020	2019
	£	£
General Investment Fund	0	0
Property	0	0
Presbyterian Mutual Society	0	1,480
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	0	1,480
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2020

12. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
GENERAL FUND	10,951	36,643	32,116	4,527	0	15,478
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	10,951	36,643	32,116	4,527	0	15,478
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Restricted Funds						
Property Fund	270,406	30,017	6,111	22,426	0	292,832
Mother & Toddlers	558	396	19	377	0	935
Sunday School	1,542	400	18	384	0	1,926
PW	526	17	125	(108)	0	418
U&S Benevolent Fund	2,015	1	0	1	0	2,016
United Appeal	0	1,749	1,749	0	0	0
General Missions Fund	0	657	657	0	0	0
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	275,047	33,237	8,677	23,080	0	298,127
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Endowment Funds						
[Name of Fund]	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	285,998	69,880	40,793	27,607	0	313,605
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Sion Mills Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105646

Annual report

**SION MILLS 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 (NIC105646)

**SION MILLS 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

Sion Mills congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
149 Melmount Road, Sion Mills, Co Tyrone, BT82 9EX

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105646)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Mr Colin Campbell
Mr Roy Kee
Mr David McCallan
Mrs Elizabeth Snodgrass

Mr George Hamilton
Mr Noel Gailey
Mrs Irene Doherty
Mrs Mary Kee
Rev Mark Shaw

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister
Clerk of Session
Treasurer

Rev Mark Shaw
Colin Campbell
Ashlene Henderson

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Ms Lorraine Hyndman, c/o 23 Campsie Road, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT79 0AE

BANKERS

Danske Bank, 66 Main Street, Strabane, Co Tyrone, BT82 8AX

SOLICITORS

Babingtons Solicitors, 74 Railway Street, Strabane, BT82 8EQ

**SION MILLS 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 Sessions has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are normally held at least 5 times per year, but due to Covid 19 restrictions this was restricted.

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. Sion Mills congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Derry & Donegal 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.

**SION MILLS 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.

Sion Mills 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.

Our Mission Statement is that under the Lordship of Jesus Christ we might reach others by our actions and our words and bring them into a new found faith and by good clear Bible based teaching assist in their development into strong and mature disciples for Christ.

The congregation aims:

- (a) To reach out to all communities in love with deeds of kindness in the name of Jesus Christ.
- (b) To reach out to everyone with the good news about Jesus Christ.
- (c) To ensure that in the preaching and teaching the Gospel of God's grace is central.
- (d) To, through prayer and evangelism, see unbelieving people become faithful followers of Jesus Christ.
- (e) To see Christians, by encouragement and Biblical teaching, become more mature in their faith.
- (f) To seek, in Christ's strength, to continue to be a faithful witness in the present and in the future.

**SION MILLS 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 4 Sundays 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 joint with Strabane congregation and has a wide range of organisations including

- Sunday School & Christianity Explored
- Mothers and Toddlers
- PW

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 10.00am. 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 gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2020 there were 133 communicant members and 93 families connected with the congregations. The average week attendance at morning worship is 48 (pre Covid-19).

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders and pastoral care assistant.

Mission and outreach

There hasn't been any events held in 2020 due to Covid-19.

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

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

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

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

The annual General Assembly was not held in June 2020 due to Covid-19.

Property

We continue to enjoy weekly worship in the Church building which reopened on 29th April 2017.

Organisations

Each Tuesday our hall is used by our mothers and toddlers group. An average of 9 children and their carers were regular attenders. They enjoy an annual trip each June to mark the close for the summer break.

The PW meet on a monthly basis, and invite speakers each month to deliver a presentation to the group. The PW enjoy a Christmas dinner evening and a summer outing each year.

The Sunday School meet each Sunday during the service from September to June, there are 12 children attending on a regular basis.

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.

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

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

and support for both Christian and other secular organisations, charities and individual members of the public.

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

**SION MILLS 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 89 contributors during the year [a reduction of 1 from 2019] donating a total of £31,425, (£28,838 in previous year, 2019).

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £69,880, compared to £85,325 in the previous year. The main reason for the reduction in income was due to Covid-19, and less events occurring, and reduced income from use of halls.

Total expenditure increased from £55,549 to £40,793.

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 in 2019 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 20TH May 2021 and signed on its behalf by



Rev Mark Shaw

2nd August 2021



Mr Colin Campbell

2nd August 2021

Sion Mills Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105646

Annual return

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

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on pages 12 to 19.

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.

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.

Lorraine Hyndman

Bank Official

c/o 23 Campsie Road, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT79 0AE

9th August 2021