

# Enniskillen Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105648

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-08-11
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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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	£232,819	£218,801	£0	3

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Brian Keys		
Kate Doherty		
Ken Rainey		
Mr Clive Morrow		
Mrs Barbara Hayward		
Mrs Diane Stevenson Bsc Ma Mba		
Pamela Rainey		
Philip Galbraith		
Steve Kennedy		
Victor Magowan		

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# Accounts

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

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105648)**

**ENNISKILLEN 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 2024 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Enniskillen Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
16 East Bridge Street  
ENNISKILLEN  
Co Fermanagh BT74 7BT

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105648)

**CHARITY TRUSTEES**

We express our sincere thanks to the Charity Trustees who served during the year. Those who were trustees during the year were:

Kate Doherty	Victor Magowan	Philip Galbraith	Brian Keys
Rev. Steve Kennedy (inst. 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2024)	Ronnie Chambers (decd. 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug. 2024)	Clive Morrow	Alvin Mullan (Res. 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 2024)
Ken Rainey	Pamela Rainey	Diane Stevenson	

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister	Rev. Steve Kennedy (installed 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2024)
Clerk of Session	Kate Doherty
Secretary	Thomas Harpur

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

McAleer Jackson Ltd  
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors  
Church House  
24 Dublin Road  
Omagh BT78 1HE

**BANKERS**

Danske Bank  
24 Townhall Street  
Enniskillen  
BT74 7BB

**SOLICITORS**

Cooper Wilkinson  
Solicitors  
Imperial Buildings  
38-40 Queen Elizabeth Road  
Enniskillen BT74 7BY

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**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 on the third Thursday of every month except July and August; however special meetings did occur in the Summer months of 2024.

**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. Enniskillen congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Omagh Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation. Brian Keys is currently the Elder appointed to this role by the Kirk Session.

**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 month of 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

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Kirk Session of each congregation. In June 2024, the Minister Rev. Steve Kennedy and Diane Stevenson as representative Elder attended meetings of the General Assembly.

### **DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

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

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

The congregation's mission purpose is to glorify and enjoy God in worship and living, to live and love as a fellowship of His family and to help one another grow spiritually. We also seek to share His Word with others and to serve our community.

### **GENERAL INTRODUCTION**

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

- A church which glorifies God by enabling people to become mature disciples of Jesus Christ
- A warm-hearted congregation, welcoming people from all backgrounds
- A place where, through relevant and sound Bible teaching, fellowship groups, faithful pastoral care and a growing emphasis on witness in the community we create a nurturing environment where people can find forgiveness, wholeness and transformation in Jesus Christ the Lord.

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.

The early part of 2024 saw Rev Gunther Andrich acting as the Convenor of our Vacancy and chairing Kirk Session meetings and meetings of the Congregational Committee, as well as taking Sunday morning services at regular intervals.

In February 2024, the Kirk Session met with Rev. Steve Kennedy who had applied for the vacancy. They put forward his name as a sole nominee and, following approval by the Clerk of Assembly, Rev. Kennedy came to preach on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024. At the Congregational meeting held the following evening he was issued with a call by a very substantial majority of the voting members present and he accepted the call. On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024, under the auspices of the Presbytery of Omagh, Rev. Steve Kennedy B.D., Dip.Min.,M.Th. was installed as Minister of Enniskillen Presbyterian Church.

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**WORSHIP**

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on four 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.

In the early part of the year, although the numbers of people joining for Sunday worship had not returned to pre-Covid levels and considering that the church was in a vacancy situation, attendances at church remained encouraging. Pulpit supply until May 2024 was organised by the Clerk of Session. The congregation really valued the visits of a relatively small group of ministers who came to the church regularly and were very supportive. The Sunday morning service continues to be livestreamed: this is valued by the elderly and infirm members who cannot physically be present at church and who look forward immensely each week to the broadcast service.

Fellowship Groups and the Prayer Meeting continue on an alternating fortnightly basis, as has the weekly Elders' Prayer Meeting on Sunday mornings by Zoom.

**PASTORAL CARE**

The model of each elder having a district continues. Pastoral issues are a standing item on each Kirk Session agenda. An Elders' Breakfast in early 2024 took place to take forward discussion of the pastoral responsibility of elders, given its heightened importance during a time of vacancy.

The Pastoral Care Team continued to offer practical help and support. Nearly one quarter of the current group of people associated with the church are over 80 years of age.

**ACTIVITIES**

A program for Sunday evening gatherings began during the vacancy and proved very successful in building community and fellowship, and strengthening relationships. The program continued in the Autumn with a blend of member interviews, mission speakers, community hymn-singing and a discipleship teaching program. A very well attended Carol Service in early December brought that 2024 Sunday evening program to a very positive end.

It is good to report that the Crèche, Sunday School (XTB), Bible Class, and Bowling Club all continued to operate. The Chess Club functioned for the first part of 2024, however the latter part of the year saw conversations taking place regarding its future as an independent group meeting in an alternate location. Men's Breakfasts took place on a bi-monthly basis for most of the year, as did various Ladies' gatherings including a Christmas Dinner.

The outreach ministries of Tea4U (our Community cafe) and CAP West NI (a branch of the UK Charity Christians Against Poverty) also continued. CAP/Tea4U volunteers manned an effective stall outside the church on St Patrick's Day and many useful contacts were made. This followed a Congregational Stew Lunch on the same day.

The Church Mouse Shop continued to open on Fridays with busy trade every week. This ministry has many benefits including volunteer opportunities and fellowship, provision of essential items at low cost to those

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facing socio-economic challenges, a deep sense of community amongst users, and special fundraising initiatives for local and international projects. Through a network of relationships with community organisations, we were able to provide vital support to certain circumstances of crisis.

As a church we have always believed in the importance of smaller groups for discipleship and growth, and the Prayer Meeting and Fellowship Groups continue to meet on alternate weeks.

One family was supported financially through the Presbyterian Children's and Orphans Society.

The use of email has massively changed the method of communication in church life in the last 20 years. Of the 150 families connected to the church, 140 have an email address.

Outside groups continue to use the Bridge Centre for their activities. These include community organizations such as Enniskillen Motor Club and Fresh Focus, as well as Christian organisations including Youth With a Mission and Scripture Union.

Two special Elders' meetings were held in July and August to begin a process of developing priorities and vision for the church moving forward.

### **Finances**

The Kirk Session in conjunction with the Congregational Committee ensure that, as a fellowship of God's people in Enniskillen, we make best use of the resources entrusted to us as we reach out in mission to share God's love with the wider community both locally and further afield.

The church is maintained by the generous and in some cases sacrificial giving of its members.

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, assists with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregations in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership, and pastoral care.

The congregation continues to support the Cousley family who work with Mission Aviation Fellowship, based in Mareeba, Australia.

The Harvest Appeal was divided between Homes for Hope International, for their home re-building project following flooding in Galați region of Romania (40%); Bible Education Services Arabic Project (40%) and the Storehouse Food Bank Project operating out of Enniskillen Elim Church (20%).

During 2023 we were made aware that congregations such as ours which have the Presbytery Education Board as their holding trustees for their property must act, making the choice between appointing individual trustees or appointing the newly registered 'THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND HOLDING TRUSTEE COMPANY' as holding Trustee. This matter was discussed by the Kirk Session and the Congregational

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Committee and the decision made to choose the latter option. A document to that effect was drawn up by the Church Solicitors, Cooper Wilkinson. At a Congregational meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024, the proposal to change the Holding Trustee was accepted and the documentation was duly signed.

**Our giving to external agencies and charities was as follows**

	2024	2023
To mission agencies and societies beyond the Presbyterian Church in Ireland -	£ 47,892.00	£ 42,980.00
PCI United Appeal for mission -	£ 7,565.00	£ 7,509.00
PCI World Development Appeal -	£ 6,445.00	£ 6,330.00
PCI Children's Society -	£ 3,000.00	£ 3,500.00
Earl Haig Fund -	£ 131.00	£ 182.00

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 122 contributors during the year (115 in 2023) donating a total of £71,834 (£80,847 in 2023). However, another £8,571 of gift aid has been claimed since the year end on this income which would bring the total up to £80,405.

Total income of the congregation during the year was £ 232,819, compared to £ 237,797 in the previous year.

Regular expenditure increased from £ 176,078 in 2023 to £ 218,801 in 2024. This is a reflection of increased ministerial costs and an increase in giving to others.

The Church has no debt owing.

**RESERVES POLICY**

The Trustees' aim is to maintain sufficient free reserves in unrestricted, undesignated funds to bridge any funding gaps experienced by the church.

It is the policy of this church to hold in Reserves the equivalent of three months' general running costs, including employee costs. It is also our policy to hold in Reserves 25% of annual buildings costs for church, halls and Church Mouse Shop. Based on average annual costs for the past three years, the total amount to be held in Reserves should be a minimum of £32,500.

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**GOING CONCERN**

The activities of the congregation are dependent on ongoing contributions from its members. The Trustees are of the opinion that the congregation has sufficient resources at the date of approval of these financial statements to meet commitments which will arise in the year from the date of signing this report and subject to the continuing support from members to fund on an ongoing basis the congregation's current activities and other financial commitments.

**Property**

No major work was undertaken in 2024 and none is anticipated in 2025.

**Volunteers & Personnel**

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

Like all churches we are experiencing a challenge in renewing the commitment of volunteers, but we estimate we still have c100 volunteers working across the full range of activities within our congregation.

This is a time to look back with thanks to God for His faithfulness but also to prayerfully renew our commitment as elders and as a church family to seek first the kingdom of God and to trust God to provide for the church's needs in the future.

**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

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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 because of their holding office or employment. However, this is incidental and necessary 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.

**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) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 15 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by

**REV. STEVE KENNEDY**

.....

Rev. Steve Kennedy

15 May 2025

**KATE DOHERTY**

.....

Kate Doherty

15 May 2025

**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of  
Enniskillen Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland (Charity no. 105388)**

I report on the accounts of Enniskillen Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act;
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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

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

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

***ARNOLD JACKSON***

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**Arnold Jackson FCA  
For McAleer Jackson Ltd  
Chartered Accountant  
Church House  
24 Dublin Road  
Omagh  
Co Tyrone BT78 1HE**

**15 May 2025**

**ENNISKILLEN 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	96843	66638	-	163481	158455
Charitable activities	3	1666	1981	-	3647	10575
Other trading activities	4	2852	3150	57575	63577	68481
Investment Income	5	1523	402	189	2114	286
Other	6	-	-	-	-	-
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
		102884	72171	57764	232819	237797
Sale of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loans Received		-	-	-	-	-
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<b>Total Receipts</b>		102884	72171	57764	232819	237797
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Payments</b>						
Raising funds	7	368	212	-	580	7990
Charitable activities	8	102974	77793	22779	203546	164026
Investment costs		411	178	156	745	712
Other	9	-	-	-	-	-
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		103753	78183	22935	204871	172728
Purchase of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets		-	13930	-	13930	3350
Loan Repayments		-	-	-	-	-
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<b>Total Payments</b>		103753	92113	22935	218801	176078
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net receipts / (payments)		-869	-19942	34829	14018	61719
Transfers between funds		36780	-137	-36643	-	-
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Net movement in funds		35911	-20079	-1814	14018	61719
Funds brought forward		78346	91475	28836	198657	136938
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Funds carried forward	14	114257	71396	27022	212675	198657
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**ENNISKILLEN 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>Bank and Cash Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at start of year	78346	91475	28836	198657	136938
Net movement in funds	39455	-23624	-1814	14018	61719
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Bank and Cash at end of year	117801	67852	27022	212675	198657
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<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Deposit Accounts				150000	-
Bank Current Accounts				62326	198126
Cash in Hand				349	531
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				212675	198657
				=====	=====
<b>Other Assets</b>					
Fixed Assets – Note 10				-	-
- Church Premises				-	-
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment				-	-
- Vehicles				-	-
Investments – Note 11				-	-
Gift Aid receivable on donations				16268	-
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				16268	-
				=====	=====
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Loans				-	-
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				-	-
				=====	=====
<b>Total Assets</b>				228943	198657
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 15 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by

**REV. STEVE KENNEDY**

**KATE DOHERTY**

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15 May 2025

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**ENNISKILLEN 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:					
Loose collections	3889	2781	-	6670	10249
Donations and gifts	68387	60313	-	128700	124695
Gift Aid	4367	3544	-	7911	23511
Legacies and bequest	20000	-	-	20000	-
Donations from organisations	200	-	-	200	-
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	96843	66638	-	163481	158455
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**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities					
Fees from weddings and funerals	100	-	-	100	-
Fundraising events	1030	1371	-	2401	7697
Membership fees	-	110	-	110	110
Grants	-	500	-	500	2400
Periodicals	536	-	-	536	368
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	1666	1981	-	3647	10575
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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	2852	3150	-	6002	2745
Trading income	-	-	57575	57575	65736
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	2852	3150	57575	63577	68481
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**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	1523	402	189	2114	286
General Investment Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-
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	1523	402	189	2114	286
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**31 December 2024**

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
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**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	368	-	-	368	377
Fundraising events	-	212	-	212	7613
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	368	212	-	580	7990
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**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	19578	-	-	19578	13596
Presbytery fees	671	-	-	671	675
Ministry and support staff costs	34255	-	-	34255	15345
Congregational running expenses	45872	13366	19779	79017	73909
Donations to Missions and charities	2598	59435	3000	65033	55509
Christians Against Poverty	-	4992	-	4992	4992
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	102974	77793	22779	203546	164026
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**ENNISKILLEN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

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

**31 December 2024**

**9. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Outings /trips	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-
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**10. FIXED ASSETS**

The Church and Church halls situated at 16 East Bridge Street Enniskillen and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery have an insurance value of £4,215,263. The manse at 16b Chanterhill Road Enniskillen had an insurance value of £573,334. There is an endowment property at 13 – 15 East Bridge Street Enniskillen from which the Church Mouse Shop operates. It has an insurance value of £1,125,619 to include contents. The owner of all these properties de jure, acting as holding trustees, is the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Holding Trustee Company; the owner de facto is the congregation.

**11. INVESTMENTS**

The congregation held no investments at 31 December 2024 (£Nil: 31 December 2023).

**12. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES**

There were no transactions with trustees or their relatives during the year ended 31 December 2024.

No trustees were remunerated for their role as trustee during the year ended 31 December 2024.

The Congregation paid an expense of £1343 relating to rates on the manse which is occupied by the minister, a trustee.

**13. GOVERNANCE COSTS**

Governance costs of £3008 were incurred during the year ended 31 December 2024 which relate to fees paid to the Independent Examiner of the Church's accounts and for legal advice regarding property.

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

**31 December 2024**

**14. FUND BALANCES**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balance at start</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General	78346	102884	67110	137	114257
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	78346	102884	67110	137	114257
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<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
Youth/T4U	4148	94	121	1156	5277
Fabric No. 3	54687	14994	27006	-	42675
Missionary No.4	21238	25933	32355	-	14816
United Appeal	2643	6999	7565	-	2077
Manse	1095	19	-	-	1114
C.A.P.	6758	8517	10533	-	4742
Gamble Bequest	15	-	30	30	15
Toddle Time	167	-	-	-167	-
PW	375	-	30	-	345
Troop	82	8	90	-	-
Tea4U	26	1366	212	-1156	24
Bowling club	241	270	200	-	311
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	91475	58200	78142	-137	71396
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<b>Endowment Funds</b>					
Shop	28836	57764	59578	-	27022
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	28836	57764	59578	-	27022
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<b>Total</b>	<b>198657</b>	<b>218848</b>	<b>204830</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>212675</b>
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**Enniskillen Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105648

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# Accounts

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

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

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105648)**

**ENNISKILLEN 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**

Enniskillen Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
16 East Bridge Street  
ENNISKILLEN  
Co Fermanagh BT74 7BT

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105648)

**CHARITY TRUSTEES**

We express our sincere thanks to the Charity Trustees who served during the year. Those who were trustees during the year were:

Rev David Cupples (retired 31.01.23)

Kate Doherty

Ronnie Chambers

Philip Galbraith

Brian Keys

Victor Magowan

Pamela Rainey

Diane Stevenson

Ken Rainey

Alvin Mullan

Clive Morrow (appointed 15.01.23)

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister

Rev David Cupples (retired 31 January 2023)

Convenor of Vacancy

Rev Günther Andrich (from 1 February 2023)

Clerk of Session

Kate Doherty

Secretary

Thomas Harpur

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

McAleer Jackson Ltd

Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

Church House

24 Dublin Road

Omagh BT78 1HE

**BANKERS**

Danske Bank

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Enniskillen

BT74 7BB

**SOLICITORS**

Cooper Wilkinson

Solicitors

Imperial Buildings

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Enniskillen BT74 7BY

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

**STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

**The Kirk Session**

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk Session are held on the third Thursday of every month. In 2023 there was no meeting in July.

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. Election directly by the congregation requires a person to obtain 30% of votes cast; election by the Kirk Session requires names selected and proposed to the congregation to receive two-thirds of the votes cast. In late 2022, Clive Morrow was elected as an Elder and his ordination took place on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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

### **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. Enniskillen congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Omagh Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation. Brian Keys is currently the Elder appointed to this role by the Kirk Session.

### **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. In June 2023, the Clerk of Session Kate Doherty and Convenor, Rev Günther Andrich attended meetings of the General Assembly.

### **DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

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

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

The congregation's mission purpose is to glorify and enjoy God in worship and living. To live and love as a fellowship of His family and to help one another grow spiritually. To share His Word with others and to serve our community.

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

### **GENERAL INTRODUCTION**

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

- A church which glorifies God by enabling people to become mature disciples of Jesus Christ
- A warm-hearted congregation, welcoming people from all backgrounds
- A place where through relevant and sound Bible teaching, fellowship groups, faithful pastoral care and a growing emphasis on witness in the community we create a nurturing environment where people can find forgiveness, wholeness and transformation in Jesus Christ the Lord.

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.

The first month of 2023, inevitably, had as its focus the imminent retirement of our minister of over 35 years, Rev David Cupples on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023. He worked tirelessly to ensure as effective a handover as was possible, completing an almost entire visitation of the families in the congregation and working with the Clerk of Session and others in the preparation of documentation required to facilitate a speedy opportunity for the PCI Linkage Commission to meet with representatives of the congregation in order to determine whether there would be leave to call a new minister. Preparations to recognize his contribution to the church and that of his wife and family culminated in a Dinner at the Killyhevlin Hotel on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023 with presentations made as tokens of the love and appreciation of the church members.

From February 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, Rev Gunther Andrich has acted as the Convenor and has chaired Kirk Session meetings and meetings of the Congregational Committee as well as taking Sunday morning services at regular intervals.

The duties of the Clerk of Session have accumulated and increased over the 15 years of her tenure. Some of these duties were re-allocated and re-distributed to the other elders to spread responsibility and lighten the workload of the Clerk. However, inevitably, her workload has substantially increased due to the vacancy. Preparation of documentation prior to a meeting of the Linkage Commission was time consuming but it was encouraging that after approval was given by the Omagh Presbytery, the PCI Linkage Commission granted an interview on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023. The Convenor, Church Secretary and the Clerk of Session attended, and the decision of the Linkage Commission was to give the congregation leave to call a minister.

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

Subsequently, several approaches were made by the Clerk of Session, with the approval of the Convenor and Kirk Session, to the four licentiates who were available as well as to a number of settled ministers. However, at the end of 2023 the vacancy was still in operation with the Kirk Session continuing to actively explore options, always praying for God's guidance to lead us to the person of God's choice.

In February 2024, the Kirk Session met with Rev Steve Kennedy who had applied for the vacancy. They put forward his name as a sole nominee and after approval was given by the Clerk of Assembly, Rev Kennedy came to preach on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024. At the Congregational meeting held the following evening he was issued with a call by a very substantial majority of the voting members present and he accepted the call.

### **WORSHIP**

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on four 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.

Although the numbers of people attending the Sunday morning services have not returned to pre-Covid levels and considering that for eleven months of the year we have been in a vacancy situation, the attendances at church have been quite encouraging. Pulpit supply for the year was initially organized by Rev Cupples prior to his retirement but was then taken over by the Clerk of Session. The congregation have really valued the visits of a relatively small group of ministers who have come to the church regularly and have been very supportive. The Sunday morning service continues to be livestreamed. We know this is valued by the elderly and infirm members who cannot physically be present at church and who look forward immensely each week to the broadcast service. We have continued to receive as many as 200 views per week, but this has not translated into new faces at church.

Fellowship groups and the prayer meeting have reverted back to in-person meeting, but the weekly elders prayer meeting on Sunday mornings has used Zoom very effectively. In addition to the usual prayer meetings there have been occasions when the congregation were encouraged to come together to pray specifically for the vacancy.

Taking account of guidance from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church that holding an AGM was optional for charities, the decision was made not to hold an AGM in 2023.

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

### **PASTORAL CARE**

The Pastoral Care Team continued to offer practical help and support. Nearly one quarter of the current group of people associated with the church are over 80 years of age.

In 2022, a thorough review was undertaken of pastoral care, with specific reference to home visitation. The model of each elder having a district was retained. Pastoral issues are a standing item on each Kirk Session agenda and plans have been initiated to have an Elders Breakfast in early 2024 to take forward discussion of the pastoral responsibility of elders, given its heightened importance during a time of vacancy.

### **ACTIVITIES**

In terms of church ministries, it is good to report that the Sunday School [XTB], Bible Class, Chess Club, Bowling Club, and Crèche are all operating.

The outreach ministries of the Church Mouse Shop, Tea4U , our Community cafe and CAP West NI [a branch of the UK Charity Christians Against Poverty] have also continued with Men's Breakfasts a regular feature of church life.

The Church Mouse Shop continued to open on Fridays and had its highest ever level of annual income since opening in December 2013.

CAP/Tea4U volunteers manned an effective stall at the Coronation celebrations at Enniskillen Castle on May 8th and made useful contacts.

A film evening was organised on St Patrick's Day.

As a church we have always believed in the importance of small groups and the Prayer Meeting and Fellowship Groups continue to meet on alternate weeks.

There is now no functioning group under the banner of Presbyterian Women, but several successful events for ladies took place; an afternoon tea in May, a breakfast in June and another in October with an evening meal in December. These events have brought in some ladies, not closely linked with the congregation which is encouraging and enabled relationships to be built.

Numbers in Youth Fellowship had declined and under the leadership of our Convenor Rev Gunther Andrich and one of our elders the decision was made to establish contact with the leaders of other church youth groups across denominations to consider joint activity under the heading of a 'Flame Initiative'. During 2023 a variety of planning and prayer gatherings took place as well as small events drawing in young people from various churches.

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

One family was supported financially through the Presbyterian Children's and Orphans Society. 2 elderly ladies receive a quarterly grant through the Presbyterian Women's Fund.

The use of email has massively changed the method of communication in church life in the last 20 years. Of the 150 families connected to the church, 140 have an email address. This has allowed the church to send a set of 5 weekly Bible readings and accompanying notes to most of the congregation. This work continued throughout 2023 after the retirement of Rev Cupples and was coordinated by one of the elders.

A very successful programme for Sunday evenings has been in operation. It began with a series where representatives of various mission agencies came to speak. This was organized by the one of the elders, who holds the chair of the Missionary Committee. This was a very positive series which really engaged those who attended. In the autumn, two elders acted as mentors to a group of younger members to enable them to assume a position of leadership during an 8 week Prayer Course. Attendance and level of commitment to the course were very encouraging. A very well attended Carol service in early December brought that 2023 Sunday evening programme to a very positive end.

There has been a renewal of outside groups using the Bridge Centre for their activities e.g. Enniskillen Motor Club, Fresh Focus and those learning to play the bagpipes.

### **Changes in personnel**

A new Designated Person for Safeguarding, Edwin Wilson, was appointed.

### **Finances**

The church is maintained by the generous and in some cases sacrificial giving of its members. This is supplemented by the invaluable income from the Church Mouse Shop

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, assists with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregations in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership, and pastoral care.

The congregation continues to support the Cousley family who work with MAF in Mareeba, Australia. They are now applying for permanent residence. They paid a visit to Enniskillen in

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

March 2023 and took a major part in a Sunday morning service as well as an informal Sunday evening gathering. Informal discussions with them indicated that they were satisfied with the current level of support from the church.

With no major building projects or repairs anticipated and all church accounts in a healthy state, the Harvest Appeal was divided between Operation Rescue, a Christian childcare project in Tigray, Ethiopia, [40%], The E3 Scripture Union Schools Project [30%] and the Enniskillen Food Bank [30%].

### **Gamble Bequest**

For many years, indeed since 1888, we as a congregation, have benefitted financially under the terms of a bequest, known as the Gamble Bequest. Under the terms of that bequest, the subject of which is property situated in East Bridge Street Enniskillen, the rental income was to be collected and applied as follows:

- £5 per annum to be paid to the Sustentation Fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland [PCI]
- £5 per annum to be paid to the Orphan Society of the PCI
- The balance to be paid to the then minister of Enniskillen Presbyterian Church and to their successors.

For some time it has been the view of the Education Board for the Omagh Presbytery, as Trustee, together with the Kirk Session and Congregational Committee that, as the original purposes of the Bequest are now adequately provided for by other means, the terms of the Bequest should be reviewed and, if possible, amended. In summary, the rationale for this view is:

- The Sustentation Fund of the PCI is now held as part of the PCI Central Ministry Fund, which is used to make payments to Presbyterian Ministers. Congregations no longer make individual contributions to the Sustentation Fund;
- Ministers within the PCI are currently remunerated in a different way to that which pertained when the Gamble Bequest was settled. At that time, individual congregations decided the amount of their Minister's stipend and they were responsible for paying this. The PCI now has a Central Ministry Fund for remuneration of Ministers, which prescribes a minimum annual stipend and a maximum annual increase in a stipend. Where a congregation is unable to meet the minimum stipend from funds, the central funds of PCI will meet the shortfall;
- Given the current level of income from the Bequest, it is not considered to be in the best interests of the congregation as a whole as, during the current period of vacancy, the

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

amount of remuneration could be a factor in influencing a candidate in applying for the Minister's position.

After many years of discussion it was eventually decided to draw up a cy pres scheme amending the terms of the bequest and in July 2023 our application to the Charities Commission for that revision was successful.

In summary, income from the Bequest will now be applied as follows:

- 5% will be paid each year to the Presbyterian Children's Society. Based on current Bequest income, this will, in real terms, greatly exceed the £5 paid to the PCI Orphan Society as provided for under the original terms of the Bequest.
- The balance to be for the general purposes of Enniskillen Presbyterian Church.

Going forward Kirk Session in conjunction with the Congregational Committee will seek to ensure that, as a fellowship of God's people in Enniskillen, we make best use of the resources entrusted to us as we reach out in mission to share God's love with the wider community both locally and further afield.

Also, during 2023 we were made aware that congregations such as ours which have the Presbytery Education Board as their holding trustees for their property must act, making the choice between appointing individual trustees or appointing the newly registered 'THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND HOLDING TRUSTEE COMPANY' as holding Trustee. This matter was discussed by the Kirk Session and the Congregational Committee and the decision made to choose the latter option. A document to that effect was drawn up by the Church Solicitors, Cooper Wilkinson.

At a Congregational meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024, the proposal to change the Holding Trustee was accepted and the documentation was duly signed.

**Our giving to external agencies and charities was as follows:**

To mission agencies and societies beyond the	
Presbyterian Church in Ireland – £42,980	(2022 - £35,309)
PCI United Appeal for mission - £7,509	(2022 - £6,796)
PCI World Development Appeal - £6,330	(2022 - £5,982)
Presbyterian Children's Society - £ 3500	
Earl Haig Fund - £182	(2022 - £126 )

**ENNISKILLEN 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 115 contributors during the year (125 in 2022) donating a total of £80,847 (£91,802 in 2022).

Total income of the congregation during the year was £237,797, compared to £235,598 in the previous year.

Regular expenditure decreased from £202,468 in 2022 to £176,078 in 2023. This is as expected during a vacancy period when ministerial costs are replaced with lower convenor fee and pulpit supplies.

The Church has no debt owing.

**RESERVES POLICY**

The Trustees' aim is to maintain sufficient free reserves in unrestricted, undesignated funds to bridge any funding gaps experienced by the church.

It is the policy of this church to hold in Reserves the equivalent of three months' general running costs, including employee costs. It is also our policy to hold in Reserves 25% of annual buildings costs for church, halls and Church Mouse Shop. Based on average annual costs for the past three years, the total amount to be held in Reserves should be a minimum of £32,500.

**GOING CONCERN**

The activities of the congregation are dependent on ongoing contributions from its members. The Trustees are of the opinion that the congregation has sufficient resources at the date of approval of these financial statements to meet commitments which will arise in the year from the date of signing this report and subject to the continuing support from members to fund on an ongoing basis the congregation's current activities and other financial commitments.

**Property**

No major work was undertaken in 2023. It was recognised however, that some repair work is needed to the roof of the Church Mouse Shop. It is anticipated that this will be completed in early 2024.

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

### **Volunteers & Personnel**

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

Like all churches we are experiencing a challenge in renewing the commitment of volunteers, but we estimate we still have c100 volunteers working across the full range of activities within our congregation.

This is a time to look back with thanks to God for His faithfulness but also to prayerfully renew our commitment as elders and as a church family to seek first the kingdom of God and to trust God to provide for the church's needs in the future.

### **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.

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

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 because of their holding office or employment. However, this is incidental and necessary 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.

**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) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 18 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by

[Name] *Kate Doherty*

[Name] *WK Rainey*

[Date] *18 April 2024*

[Date] *18 April 2024*

**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of  
Enniskillen Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland (Charity no. 105388)**

I report on the accounts of Enniskillen Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act;
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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

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

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

*Arnold Jackson*

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Chartered Accountant  
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Omagh  
Co Tyrone BT78 1HE**

**Date : 18 April 2024**

**ENNISKILLEN 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	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations and legacies	2	86592	69119	2744	158455	168509
Charitable activities	3	8365	2210	-	10575	4382
Other trading activities	4	1995	750	65736	68481	61964
Investment Income	5	270	16	-	286	214
Other	6	-	-	-	-	529
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		97222	72095	68480	237797	235598
Sale of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loans Received		-	-	-	-	-
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<b>Total Receipts</b>		97222	72095	68480	237797	235598
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<b>Payments</b>						
Raising funds	7	7990	-	-	7990	2695
Charitable activities	8	72896	67634	23496	164026	198925
Investment costs		443	95	174	712	677
Other	9	-	-	-	-	171
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		81329	67729	23670	172728	202468
Purchase of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets		2650	700	-	3350	-
Loan Repayments		-	-	-	-	-
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<b>Total Payments</b>		83979	68429	23670	176078	202468
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Net receipts / (payments)		13243	3666	44810	61719	33130
Transfers between funds		-4696	40041	-35345	-	-
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Net movement in funds		8547	43707	9465	61719	33130
Funds brought forward		69799	47768	19371	136938	103808
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Funds carried forward	14	78346	91475	28836	198657	136938
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**ENNISKILLEN 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	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Bank and Cash Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at start of year	69799	47768	19371	136938	103808
Net movement in funds	8547	43707	9465	61719	33130
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Bank and Cash at end of year	78346	91475	28836	198657	136938
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<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Deposit Accounts				-	-
Bank Current Accounts				198126	136428
Cash in Hand				531	510
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				198657	136938
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<b>Other Assets</b>					
Fixed Assets – Note 10				-	-
- Church Premises				-	-
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment				-	-
- Vehicles				-	-
Investments – Note 11				-	-
Gift Aid receivable on donations				-	-
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				-	-
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<b>Liabilities</b>					
Loans				-	-
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				-	-
				=====	=====
<b>Total Assets</b>				198657	136938
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 18 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by

[Name] *Kate Doherty*  
[Date] 18 April 2024

[Name] *WK Rainey*  
[Date] 18 April 2024

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

**31 December 2023**

**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 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:					
Loose collections	3545	3960	2744	10249	1281
Donations and gifts	69990	54705	-	124695	143060
Gift Aid	13057	10454	-	23511	24116
Legacies and bequest	-	-	-	-	-
Contribution to outings/trips	-	-	-	-	52
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	86592	69119	2744	158455	168509
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**ENNISKILLEN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities					
Fees from weddings and funerals	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	7697	-	-	7697	2323
Membership fees	-	110	-	110	100
Grants	300	2100	-	2400	1200
Periodicals	368	-	-	368	795
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	8365	2210	-	10575	4382
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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	1995	750	-	2745	2080
Trading income	-	-	65736	65736	59884
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	1995	750	65736	68481	61964
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**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	270	16	-	286	214
General Investment Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-
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	270	16	-	286	214
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**ENNISKILLEN 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>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	-	-	-	-	529
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	-	-	-	-	529
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**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	377	-	-	377	449
Fundraising events	7613	-	-	7613	2246
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	7990	-	-	7990	2695
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**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	13596	-	-	13596	15784
Presbytery fees	675	-	-	675	527
Ministry and support staff costs	15345	-	-	15345	52282
Congregational running expenses	41530	15127	17252	73909	67681
Donations to Missions and charities	1750	47515	6244	55509	57659
Christians Against Poverty	-	4992	-	4992	4992
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	72896	67634	23496	164026	198925
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**ENNISKILLEN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**  
**31 December 2023**

**9. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Outings /trips	-	-	-	-	171
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	-	-	-	-	171
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**10. FIXED ASSETS**

The Church and Church halls situated at 16 East Bridge Street Enniskillen and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery have an insurance value of £4,072,317. The manse at 16b Chanterhill Road Enniskillen had an insurance value of £546,033. There is an endowment property at 13 – 15 East Bridge Street Enniskillen from which the Church Mouse Shop operates. It has an insurance value of £1,100,743 to include contents. The owner of all these properties de jure, acting as holding trustees, is the Education Board of the Omagh Presbytery; the owner de facto is the congregation.

**11. INVESTMENTS**

The congregation held no investments at 31 December 2023 (£Nil: 31 December 2022).

**12. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES**

There were no transactions with trustees during the year.

**13. GOVERNANCE COSTS**

Governance costs of £6342 were incurred during the year ended 31 December 2023 which relate to fees paid to the Independent Examiner of the Church's accounts and for legal advice regarding endowment funds.

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

**31 December 2023**

**14. FUND BALANCES**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balance at start</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General	69799	97222	-83979	-4696	78346
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	69799	97222	-83979	-4696	78346
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<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
General No.1 (Barnabas)	770	-	-	-770	-
Youth/T4U	875	3738	-465	-	4148
Fabric No. 3	14807	15552	-15672	40000	54687
Missionary No.4	15149	39109	-33790	770	21238
United Appeal	3217	6935	-7509		2643
Manse	1082	13			1095
C.A.P.	10945	6421	-10608		6758
Gamble Bequest	15		-30	30	15
Toddle Time	167				167
PW	404	1	-41	11	375
Troop	83				83
Tea4U	53	186	-214		25
Bowling club	201	140	-100		241
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	47768	72095	-68429	40041	91475
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<b>Endowment Funds</b>					
Shop	19371	68480	-23670	-35345	28836
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	19371	68480	-23670	-35345	28836
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<b>Total</b>	<b>136938</b>	<b>237797</b>	<b>-176078</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>198657</b>
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**Enniskillen Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105648

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# Annual report

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

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

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105648)**

**ENNISKILLEN 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**

Enniskillen Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
16 East Bridge Street  
ENNISKILLEN  
Co Fermanagh BT74 7BT

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105648)

**CHARITY TRUSTEES**

We express our sincere thanks to the Charity Trustees who served during the year. Those who were trustees during the year were:

Rev David Cupples (retired 31.01.23)

Kate Doherty

Ronnie Chambers

Philip Galbraith

Brian Keys

Victor Magowan

Pamela Rainey

Diane Stevenson

Ken Rainey

Alvin Mullan

Clive Morrow (appointed 15.01.23)

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister

Rev David Cupples (retired 31 January 2023)

Convenor of Vacancy

Rev Günther Andrich (from 1 February 2023)

Clerk of Session

Kate Doherty

Secretary

Thomas Harpur

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

McAleer Jackson Ltd

Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

Church House

24 Dublin Road

Omagh BT78 1HE

**BANKERS**

Danske Bank

24 Townhall Street

Enniskillen

BT74 7BB

**SOLICITORS**

Cooper Wilkinson

Solicitors

Imperial Buildings

38-40 Queen Elizabeth Road

Enniskillen BT74 7BY

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

**STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

**The Kirk Session**

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

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

Stated meetings of the Kirk Session are held on the third Thursday of every month. In 2023 there was no meeting in July.

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. Election directly by the congregation requires a person to obtain 30% of votes cast; election by the Kirk Session requires names selected and proposed to the congregation to receive two-thirds of the votes cast. In late 2022, Clive Morrow was elected as an Elder and his ordination took place on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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

### **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. Enniskillen congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Omagh Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation. Brian Keys is currently the Elder appointed to this role by the Kirk Session.

### **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. In June 2023, the Clerk of Session Kate Doherty and Convenor, Rev Günther Andrich attended meetings of the General Assembly.

### **DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

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

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

The congregation's mission purpose is to glorify and enjoy God in worship and living. To live and love as a fellowship of His family and to help one another grow spiritually. To share His Word with others and to serve our community.

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

### **GENERAL INTRODUCTION**

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

- A church which glorifies God by enabling people to become mature disciples of Jesus Christ
- A warm-hearted congregation, welcoming people from all backgrounds
- A place where through relevant and sound Bible teaching, fellowship groups, faithful pastoral care and a growing emphasis on witness in the community we create a nurturing environment where people can find forgiveness, wholeness and transformation in Jesus Christ the Lord.

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.

The first month of 2023, inevitably, had as its focus the imminent retirement of our minister of over 35 years, Rev David Cupples on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023. He worked tirelessly to ensure as effective a handover as was possible, completing an almost entire visitation of the families in the congregation and working with the Clerk of Session and others in the preparation of documentation required to facilitate a speedy opportunity for the PCI Linkage Commission to meet with representatives of the congregation in order to determine whether there would be leave to call a new minister. Preparations to recognize his contribution to the church and that of his wife and family culminated in a Dinner at the Killyhevlin Hotel on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023 with presentations made as tokens of the love and appreciation of the church members.

From February 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, Rev Gunther Andrich has acted as the Convenor and has chaired Kirk Session meetings and meetings of the Congregational Committee as well as taking Sunday morning services at regular intervals.

The duties of the Clerk of Session have accumulated and increased over the 15 years of her tenure. Some of these duties were re-allocated and re-distributed to the other elders to spread responsibility and lighten the workload of the Clerk. However, inevitably, her workload has substantially increased due to the vacancy. Preparation of documentation prior to a meeting of the Linkage Commission was time consuming but it was encouraging that after approval was given by the Omagh Presbytery, the PCI Linkage Commission granted an interview on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023. The Convenor, Church Secretary and the Clerk of Session attended, and the decision of the Linkage Commission was to give the congregation leave to call a minister.

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

Subsequently, several approaches were made by the Clerk of Session, with the approval of the Convenor and Kirk Session, to the four licentiates who were available as well as to a number of settled ministers. However, at the end of 2023 the vacancy was still in operation with the Kirk Session continuing to actively explore options, always praying for God's guidance to lead us to the person of God's choice.

In February 2024, the Kirk Session met with Rev Steve Kennedy who had applied for the vacancy. They put forward his name as a sole nominee and after approval was given by the Clerk of Assembly, Rev Kennedy came to preach on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024. At the Congregational meeting held the following evening he was issued with a call by a very substantial majority of the voting members present and he accepted the call.

### **WORSHIP**

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on four 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.

Although the numbers of people attending the Sunday morning services have not returned to pre-Covid levels and considering that for eleven months of the year we have been in a vacancy situation, the attendances at church have been quite encouraging. Pulpit supply for the year was initially organized by Rev Cupples prior to his retirement but was then taken over by the Clerk of Session. The congregation have really valued the visits of a relatively small group of ministers who have come to the church regularly and have been very supportive. The Sunday morning service continues to be livestreamed. We know this is valued by the elderly and infirm members who cannot physically be present at church and who look forward immensely each week to the broadcast service. We have continued to receive as many as 200 views per week, but this has not translated into new faces at church.

Fellowship groups and the prayer meeting have reverted back to in-person meeting, but the weekly elders prayer meeting on Sunday mornings has used Zoom very effectively. In addition to the usual prayer meetings there have been occasions when the congregation were encouraged to come together to pray specifically for the vacancy.

Taking account of guidance from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church that holding an AGM was optional for charities, the decision was made not to hold an AGM in 2023.

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

### **PASTORAL CARE**

The Pastoral Care Team continued to offer practical help and support. Nearly one quarter of the current group of people associated with the church are over 80 years of age.

In 2022, a thorough review was undertaken of pastoral care, with specific reference to home visitation. The model of each elder having a district was retained. Pastoral issues are a standing item on each Kirk Session agenda and plans have been initiated to have an Elders Breakfast in early 2024 to take forward discussion of the pastoral responsibility of elders, given its heightened importance during a time of vacancy.

### **ACTIVITIES**

In terms of church ministries, it is good to report that the Sunday School [XTB], Bible Class, Chess Club, Bowling Club, and Crèche are all operating.

The outreach ministries of the Church Mouse Shop, Tea4U, our Community cafe and CAP West NI [a branch of the UK Charity Christians Against Poverty] have also continued with Men's Breakfasts a regular feature of church life.

The Church Mouse Shop continued to open on Fridays and had its highest ever level of annual income since opening in December 2013.

CAP/Tea4U volunteers manned an effective stall at the Coronation celebrations at Enniskillen Castle on May 8th and made useful contacts.

A film evening was organised on St Patrick's Day.

As a church we have always believed in the importance of small groups and the Prayer Meeting and Fellowship Groups continue to meet on alternate weeks.

There is now no functioning group under the banner of Presbyterian Women, but several successful events for ladies took place; an afternoon tea in May, a breakfast in June and another in October with an evening meal in December. These events have brought in some ladies, not closely linked with the congregation which is encouraging and enabled relationships to be built.

Numbers in Youth Fellowship had declined and under the leadership of our Convenor Rev Gunther Andrich and one of our elders the decision was made to establish contact with the leaders of other church youth groups across denominations to consider joint activity under the heading of a 'Flame Initiative'. During 2023 a variety of planning and prayer gatherings took place as well as small events drawing in young people from various churches.

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

One family was supported financially through the Presbyterian Children's and Orphans Society. 2 elderly ladies receive a quarterly grant through the Presbyterian Women's Fund.

The use of email has massively changed the method of communication in church life in the last 20 years. Of the 150 families connected to the church, 140 have an email address. This has allowed the church to send a set of 5 weekly Bible readings and accompanying notes to most of the congregation. This work continued throughout 2023 after the retirement of Rev Cupples and was coordinated by one of the elders.

A very successful programme for Sunday evenings has been in operation. It began with a series where representatives of various mission agencies came to speak. This was organized by the one of the elders, who holds the chair of the Missionary Committee. This was a very positive series which really engaged those who attended. In the autumn, two elders acted as mentors to a group of younger members to enable them to assume a position of leadership during an 8 week Prayer Course. Attendance and level of commitment to the course were very encouraging. A very well attended Carol service in early December brought that 2023 Sunday evening programme to a very positive end.

There has been a renewal of outside groups using the Bridge Centre for their activities e.g. Enniskillen Motor Club, Fresh Focus and those learning to play the bagpipes.

### **Changes in personnel**

A new Designated Person for Safeguarding, Edwin Wilson, was appointed.

### **Finances**

The church is maintained by the generous and in some cases sacrificial giving of its members. This is supplemented by the invaluable income from the Church Mouse Shop

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, assists with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregations in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership, and pastoral care.

The congregation continues to support the Cousley family who work with MAF in Mareeba, Australia. They are now applying for permanent residence. They paid a visit to Enniskillen in

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

March 2023 and took a major part in a Sunday morning service as well as an informal Sunday evening gathering. Informal discussions with them indicated that they were satisfied with the current level of support from the church.

With no major building projects or repairs anticipated and all church accounts in a healthy state, the Harvest Appeal was divided between Operation Rescue, a Christian childcare project in Tigray, Ethiopia, [40%], The E3 Scripture Union Schools Project [30%] and the Enniskillen Food Bank [30%].

### **Gamble Bequest**

For many years, indeed since 1888, we as a congregation, have benefitted financially under the terms of a bequest, known as the Gamble Bequest. Under the terms of that bequest, the subject of which is property situated in East Bridge Street Enniskillen, the rental income was to be collected and applied as follows:

- £5 per annum to be paid to the Sustentation Fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland [PCI]
- £5 per annum to be paid to the Orphan Society of the PCI
- The balance to be paid to the then minister of Enniskillen Presbyterian Church and to their successors.

For some time it has been the view of the Education Board for the Omagh Presbytery, as Trustee, together with the Kirk Session and Congregational Committee that, as the original purposes of the Bequest are now adequately provided for by other means, the terms of the Bequest should be reviewed and, if possible, amended. In summary, the rationale for this view is:

- The Sustentation Fund of the PCI is now held as part of the PCI Central Ministry Fund, which is used to make payments to Presbyterian Ministers. Congregations no longer make individual contributions to the Sustentation Fund;
- Ministers within the PCI are currently remunerated in a different way to that which pertained when the Gamble Bequest was settled. At that time, individual congregations decided the amount of their Minister's stipend and they were responsible for paying this. The PCI now has a Central Ministry Fund for remuneration of Ministers, which prescribes a minimum annual stipend and a maximum annual increase in a stipend. Where a congregation is unable to meet the minimum stipend from funds, the central funds of PCI will meet the shortfall;
- Given the current level of income from the Bequest, it is not considered to be in the best interests of the congregation as a whole as, during the current period of vacancy, the

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

amount of remuneration could be a factor in influencing a candidate in applying for the Minister's position.

After many years of discussion it was eventually decided to draw up a cy pres scheme amending the terms of the bequest and in July 2023 our application to the Charities Commission for that revision was successful.

In summary, income from the Bequest will now be applied as follows:

- 5% will be paid each year to the Presbyterian Children's Society. Based on current Bequest income, this will, in real terms, greatly exceed the £5 paid to the PCI Orphan Society as provided for under the original terms of the Bequest.
- The balance to be for the general purposes of Enniskillen Presbyterian Church.

Going forward Kirk Session in conjunction with the Congregational Committee will seek to ensure that, as a fellowship of God's people in Enniskillen, we make best use of the resources entrusted to us as we reach out in mission to share God's love with the wider community both locally and further afield.

Also, during 2023 we were made aware that congregations such as ours which have the Presbytery Education Board as their holding trustees for their property must act, making the choice between appointing individual trustees or appointing the newly registered 'THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND HOLDING TRUSTEE COMPANY' as holding Trustee. This matter was discussed by the Kirk Session and the Congregational Committee and the decision made to choose the latter option. A document to that effect was drawn up by the Church Solicitors, Cooper Wilkinson.

At a Congregational meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024, the proposal to change the Holding Trustee was accepted and the documentation was duly signed.

**Our giving to external agencies and charities was as follows:**

To mission agencies and societies beyond the	
Presbyterian Church in Ireland – £42,980	(2022 - £35,309)
PCI United Appeal for mission - £7,509	(2022 - £6,796)
PCI World Development Appeal - £6,330	(2022 - £5,982)
Presbyterian Children's Society - £ 3500	
Earl Haig Fund - £182	(2022 - £126 )

## **ENNISKILLEN 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 115 contributors during the year (125 in 2022) donating a total of £80,847 (£91,802 in 2022).

Total income of the congregation during the year was £237,797, compared to £235,598 in the previous year.

Regular expenditure decreased from £202,468 in 2022 to £176,078 in 2023. This is as expected during a vacancy period when ministerial costs are replaced with lower convenor fee and pulpit supplies.

The Church has no debt owing.

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It is the policy of this church to hold in Reserves the equivalent of three months' general running costs, including employee costs. It is also our policy to hold in Reserves 25% of annual buildings costs for church, halls and Church Mouse Shop. Based on average annual costs for the past three years, the total amount to be held in Reserves should be a minimum of £32,500.

### **GOING CONCERN**

The activities of the congregation are dependent on ongoing contributions from its members. The Trustees are of the opinion that the congregation has sufficient resources at the date of approval of these financial statements to meet commitments which will arise in the year from the date of signing this report and subject to the continuing support from members to fund on an ongoing basis the congregation's current activities and other financial commitments.

### **Property**

No major work was undertaken in 2023. It was recognised however, that some repair work is needed to the roof of the Church Mouse Shop. It is anticipated that this will be completed in early 2024.

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

### **Volunteers & Personnel**

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Like all churches we are experiencing a challenge in renewing the commitment of volunteers, but we estimate we still have c100 volunteers working across the full range of activities within our congregation.

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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 because of their holding office or employment. However, this is incidental and necessary 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.

### **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) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 18 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by

[Name] *Kate Doherty*

[Name] *WK Rainey*

[Date] *18 April 2024*

[Date] *18 April 2024*

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105648

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# Annual return

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**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of  
Enniskillen Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland (Charity no. 105388)**

I report on the accounts of Enniskillen Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act;
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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

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

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

*Arnold Jackson*

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**Arnold Jackson FCA  
For McAleer Jackson Ltd  
Chartered Accountant  
Church House  
24 Dublin Road  
Omagh  
Co Tyrone BT78 1HE**

**Date : 18 April 2024**

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

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# Accounts

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

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105648)**

**ENNISKILLEN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Enniskillen Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
16 East Bridge Street  
ENNISKILLEN  
Co Fermanagh BT74 7BT

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105648)

**CHARITY TRUSTEES**

We express our sincere thanks to the Charity Trustees who served during the year. Those who were trustees during the year were:

Rev David Cupples  
Brian Keys  
Diane Stevenson  
Philip Galbraith

Kate Doherty  
Victor Magowan  
Ken Rainey

Ronnie Chambers  
Pamela Rainey  
Alvin Mullan

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister  
Clerk of Session  
Secretary

Rev David Cupples (retired 31 January 2023)  
Kate Doherty  
Thomas Harpur (appointed 22 May 2022)

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

McAleer Jackson Ltd  
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors  
Church House  
24 Dublin Road  
Omagh BT78 1HE

**BANKERS**

Danske Bank  
24 Townhall Street  
Enniskillen  
BT74 7BB

**SOLICITORS**

Cooper Wilkinson  
Solicitors  
Imperial Buildings  
38-40 Queen Elizabeth Road  
Enniskillen BT74 7BY

**ENNISKILLEN 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 held on the third Thursday of every month except July and August.

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. Election directly by the congregation requires a person to obtain 30% of votes cast; election by the Kirk Session requires names selected and proposed to the congregation to receive two-thirds of the votes cast.

The duties of the Clerk of Session have accumulated and increased over the 15 years of her tenure. Some of these duties were re-allocated and re-distributed to the other elders at the June meeting to spread responsibility and lighten the workload of the Clerk.

An election of elders was held in the autumn. Four people received enough votes to be elected but only one felt that becoming an elder was the call of God to him at this moment in time.

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

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

### **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.

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

The congregation's mission purpose is to glorify and enjoy God in worship and living. To live and love as a fellowship of His family and to help one another grow spiritually. To share His Word with others and to serve our community.

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

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

- A church which glorifies God by enabling people to become mature disciples of Jesus Christ
- A warm-hearted congregation, welcoming people from all backgrounds
- A place where through relevant and sound Bible teaching, fellowship groups, faithful pastoral care and a growing emphasis on witness in the community we create nurturing environment where people can find forgiveness, wholeness and transformation in Jesus Christ the Lord.

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 and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on four 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 has a wide range of organisations, activities and ministries including: Creche, Sunday School (XTB), Youth Fellowship, Bible Class, Chess Club, Bowling Club, mid-week Fellowship Groups, Prayer Meeting, Toddle Time, Tea4U community cafe, Church Mouse Shop (charity shop), Pastoral Care Team, The Mens Group and CAP West NI – a branch of the UK charity Christians Against Poverty.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

#### **Worship and prayer**

At the practical level, the period of severe restrictions placed on each congregation by the PCI General Assembly came to an end on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022. While some restrictions remained in force, this opened the way for many aspects of church life to return to normal; in particular the end to the requirement for social distancing when seated in church.

Regrettably the numbers of people attending the Sunday morning services did not return to pre-Covid levels. The Sunday morning service continues to be livestreamed. We know this is valued by the elderly and infirm members who cannot physically be present at church and who look forward immensely each week to the broadcast service. We have continued to receive as many as 200 views per week, but this has not translated into new faces at church.

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

While fellowship groups and the prayer meeting have reverted back to in-person meeting, Zoom has proved to be a useful fallback when e.g. the weather has been inclement.

The elders of the church continued a serious study of Romans 12 in an ongoing attempt to hear from God concerning the future of the congregation.

At 31 December 2022 there were 127 communicant members and 156 families connected with the congregation.

Taking account of guidance from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church that holding an AGM was optional for charities, the decision was made not to hold an AGM this year.

### **Pastoral care**

The Pastoral Care Team continued to offer practical help and support. Nearly one quarter of the current group of people associated with the church are over 80 years of age.

A thorough review was undertaken of pastoral care, with specific reference to home visitation. The model of each elder having a district was retained. The key points of this were written up for our learning and one elder has been asked to carry a brief for pastoral care and chair a reflection on this at each KS meeting so that elders would continue to learn together how best to care for the flock, sharing experiences of both success and failure.

It was with joy that various other ministries did resume - Chess Club, T4U, our community café; Monday night Bowling Club; and Crèche in September.

The ministries of the Church Mouse Shop, CAP and Youth Fellowship continued, as did Men's Breakfasts.

As a church we have always believed in the importance of small groups and the Prayer Meeting, Fellowship Groups and Men's Group continued to meet.

There is now no functioning group under the banner of Presbyterian Women, but several successful events for ladies took place, principally two meals – one a breakfast in June and the other an evening meal in December, both of which attracted large numbers and built relationships.

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

One family was supported financially through the Presbyterian Children's and Orphans Society. Two elderly ladies receive a quarterly grant through the Presbyterian Women's Fund

The use of email has massively changed the method of communication in church life in the last 20 years. Of the 160 families connected to the church, 140 have an email address. This has allowed the minister to send a set of 5 weekly Bible readings and accompanying notes to most of the congregation. This has been very well received and will continue into 2023, co-ordinated by one of the elders.

Rev Cupples led a discipleship training class over the course of 8 Sunday evenings in the period April – June. Focusing on Luke chapters 9-10 the focus of study and application was on how Jesus trained his 12 disciples. While open to the whole congregation and publicised widely, a selected number of people were invited, for whom it was felt this might be especially worthwhile.

### **Mission and outreach**

Regarding the re-commencement of various church ministries after Covid, there were gains and losses. Due to a lack of leaders, it was decided that the Friday evening meetings for primary school age girls, Giggles, would end.

For the same reason Toddle Time did not re-commence but it is hoped this ministry can begin again in due course.

The Church Mouse Shop continued to open on Fridays and had its highest ever level of annual income since opening in December 2013.

Sunday evening meetings began again in October and pursuing a missionary theme, we have heard from Rebecca Stevenson about her work with CARE, from Ken Rainey about the work of Bethesda in Romania, and from Kate Doherty on the work of Operation Rescue in Ethiopia.

An outreach initiative was undertaken in the autumn period comprising 5 separate gatherings – a barbecue in September, TEAR Fund Big Quiz Night in October, a weekend of special meetings in November and the Carol Service on 18<sup>th</sup> December. Over the week-end of 18/19 November Linda Jane Watt from Portadown spoke at T4U and an evening meeting on her spiritual restoration and wholeness after a childhood of severe abuse, and Rev Ian Harrison spoke on Saturday morning on how he has faced cancer through faith in Christ. While all the gatherings were quite well attended by people already connected to the congregation, the absence of faces from outside underlines the depth and scale of the challenge the church faces with regard to mission in our own local community.

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

A special meeting of Kirk Session was held in November to specifically consider the issue of why some local churches are growing while others are declining. It was an insightful discussion but did not yield any simple answers as to how to move forward in our own congregation.

While some people have left us to join other churches, we have also made contact with two new families this year.

We experienced the joy of one adult baptism, one infant dedication and one wedding service.

Jeff Gawn was Licensed as a probationer for the Christian ministry on 22 October 2022.

### **Our giving to external agencies and charities was as follows**

To mission agencies and societies beyond the Presbyterian Church in Ireland –  
£35,309 (2021 - £33,421)

PCI United Appeal for mission - £6,796 (2021 - £6,944)

PCI World Development Appeal - £5,982 (2021 - £1,728)

PCI Children's Society - £2,446 (25% of Harvest Appeal)

Earl Haig Fund - £126 (2021 - £98)

The war in Ukraine exercised many hearts and consciences. There was a generous response to the Moderator's Appeal for Ukraine. £4000 was given directly by the congregation, and £3000 was added to this comprising two week's takings in the Church Mouse Shop. In May Rev Alistair Torrens spoke at a Sunday morning service bringing a firsthand account of the suffering there. Rev Torrens lectures at the Kiev Evangelical Theological Seminary. A subsequent gift of £1000 was made to him from church funds for use in alleviating suffering in Ukraine.

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.

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

The congregation continues to support the Cousley family who work with MAF in Mareeba, Australia. They are now applying for permanent residence. They are expected to visit Enniskillen in March 2023 when discussions will be held with them about future support.

With no major building projects or repairs anticipated and all church accounts in a healthy state, the Harvest Appeal was used to all help those affected by the current cost of living crisis. A total of nearly £10,000 was divided between TEAR Fund and Presbyterian Children's Society (25%) each, and the remaining 50% going to the Lakes Vineyard Food bank.

The Missionary Committee felt there was a need to consolidate our missionary giving among a smaller number of agencies. As a result, a parting gift and letter was sent to OMF, EMMS, Worldshare and Operation Mobilisation.

### **Presbytery**

Presbytery meetings resumed and both minister and representative elder attended.

### **General Assembly**

The Enniskillen congregation sought to scrupulously adhere to all formal guidance given by the Presbyterian Church in Ireland on the basis of a clear biblical command to love our neighbour, and do everything in our power to make attendance at in-person services as safe as possible. There were no breaches of government or PCI regulations.

### **Property**

No major work was undertaken in 2022 and none is anticipated.

The cy pres scheme was set in motion in 2021 regarding the terms of the Gamble Bequest is still ongoing. If this were to be successful it would have a significant effect on the congregation's freedom to manage the income derived from the Church Mouse shop.

### **Organisations**

There has been a renewal of outside groups using the Bridge Centre for their activities eg YWAM, Enniskillen Motor Club, Fresh Focus and those learning to play the bagpipes.

Matthew Scott erected on the Bridge Centre staircase a magnificent montage of 153 fish made of felt, symbolising the miraculous draft of fishes, described in John 21. This was created by the craft group in the church led by Rachel Beckley.

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

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Like all churches we are experiencing a challenge in renewing the commitment of volunteers, but we estimate we still have c100 volunteers working across the full range of activities within our congregation.

After many years as a caretaking team, Robert and Hazel Wilson formally stepped down and their contribution was recognised at a special congregational meal in October after a Sunday morning service. The church was delighted when Nigel Johnston was appointed as the new caretaker.

After 15 years as Congregational secretary, during which period of tenure he frequently went well beyond the call of duty, Dr Terry Mulholland stepped down and was replaced in September by Tom Harpur.

A new Designated Person for Safeguarding was appointed. Stuart Beeson accepted the position and Gary Smyth was thanked for his faithful service in this post.

An election of Congregational Committee took place in the spring. Several members having stood down after many years' service, including Harold Martin, Sylvia Cooper, and Eleanor Harpur, it was a joy to welcome several new members onto the new committee.

After taking soundings from the elders, Rev David Cupples had reached agreement with the Kirk Session in February that he should retire on 31 January 2023, 7 months before his due retirement date. This timing would benefit the congregation in its search for his successor. He formally communicated this news to the congregation by means of a letter posted to all households in early August before he went off on summer holiday.

As the year ended, and with the retirement of Rev Cupples drawing nearer, the elders began preparations for the vacancy. The Presbytery of Omagh had appointed Rev Gunther Andrich, minister of Irvinestown, Pettigo and Tempo as Convenor.

With Rev Cupples having been in post for 35 years and 5 months at his retirement, the congregation enters an uncertain time since most members cannot remember a previous vacancy. The Trustees and indeed the whole church family is deeply appreciative of the faithful ministry of Rev Cupples over so many years and plans were made at the end of 2022 to show that appreciation in a variety of appropriate ways.

This is a time to look back with thanks to God for His faithfulness but also to prayerfully renew our commitment as elders and as a church family to seek first the kingdom of God and to trust God to provide for the church's needs in the future.

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

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The church is maintained by the generous and in some cases sacrificial giving of its members. This is supplemented by the invaluable income from the Church Mouse Shop.

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 125 contributors during the year (125 in 2021) donating a total of £91,802 (£86,315 in 2021).

Total income of the congregation during the year was £235,598, compared to £223,228 in the previous year.

Regular expenditure increased from £165,354 in 2021 to £202,468 in 2022. This is a reflection of a return to more normal level of Church activities and an increase in giving to Others. The Church has no debt owing.

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It is the policy of this church to hold in Reserves the equivalent of three months' general running costs, including employee costs. It is also our policy to hold in Reserves 25% of annual buildings costs for church, halls and Church Mouse Shop. Based on average annual costs for the past three years, the total amount to be held in Reserves should be a minimum of £32,500.

**GOING CONCERN**

The activities of the congregation are dependent on ongoing contributions from its members. The Trustees are of the opinion that the congregation has sufficient resources at the date of approval of these financial statements to meet commitments which will arise in the year from the date of signing this report and subject to the continuing support from members to fund on an ongoing basis the congregation's current activities and other financial commitments.

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

**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) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 20 April 2023 and signed on its behalf by

[Name] *Kate Doherty*

[Name] *WK Rainey*

[Date] *20 April 2023*

[Date] *20 April 2023*

**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of  
Enniskillen Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland (Charity no. 105388)**

I report on the accounts of Enniskillen Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act;
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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

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

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

*Arnold Jackson*

**Arnold Jackson FCA  
For McAleer Jackson Ltd  
Chartered Accountant  
Church House  
24 Dublin Road  
Omagh  
Co Tyrone BT78 1HE**

**Date : 20 April 2023**

**ENNISKILLEN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations and legacies	2	93135	75374	-	168509	167037
Charitable activities	3	2772	1300	310	4382	1725
Other trading activities	4	2080	-	59884	61964	32836
Investment Income	5	211	3	-	214	204
Other	6	529	-	-	529	21426
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		98727	76677	60194	235598	223228
Sale of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	259622
Loans Received		-	-	-	-	-
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<b>Total Receipts</b>		98727	76677	60194	235598	482850
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<b>Payments</b>						
Raising funds	7	2385	-	310	2695	1688
Charitable activities	8	98820	86776	13329	198925	163260
Investment costs		375	141	161	677	406
Other	9	171	-	-	171	-
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		101751	86917	13800	202468	165354
Purchase of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	220650
Loan Repayments		-	-	-	-	105000
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<b>Total Payments</b>		101751	86917	13800	202468	491004
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Net receipts / (payments)		-3024	-10240	46394	33130	-8154
Transfers between funds		38965	14962	-53927	-	-
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Net movement in funds		35941	4722	-7533	33130	-8154
Funds brought forward		33858	43046	26904	103808	111962
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Funds carried forward	14	69799	47768	19371	136938	103808
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**ENNISKILLEN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**As at 31 December 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Bank and Cash Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at start of year	33858	43046	26904	103808	111962
Net movement in funds	35941	4722	-7533	33130	-8154
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Bank and Cash at end of year	69799	47768	19371	136938	103808
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<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Deposit Accounts				-	-
Bank Current Accounts				136428	103381
Cash in Hand				510	427
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				136938	103808
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<b>Other Assets</b>					
Fixed Assets – Note 10				-	-
- Church Premises				-	-
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment				-	-
- Vehicles				-	-
Investments – Note 11				-	-
Gift Aid receivable on donations				-	-
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				-	-
				=====	=====
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Loans				-	-
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				-	-
				=====	=====
<b>Total Assets</b>				136938	103808
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 20 April 2023 and signed on its behalf by

[Name] *Kate Doherty*

[Name] *WK Rainey*

[Date] *20 April 2023*

[Date] *20 April 2023*

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

**31 December 2022**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

**FUND ACCOUNTING**

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

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

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

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:					
Loose collections	1281	-	-	1281	346
Donations and gifts	78743	64317	-	143060	128321
Gift Aid	13059	11057	-	24116	38370
Legacies and bequest	-	-	-	-	-
Contribution to outings/trips	52	-	-	52	-
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	93135	75374	-	168509	167037
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**ENNISKILLEN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**31 December 2022**

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities					
Fees from weddings and funerals	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	2013	-	310	2323	280
Membership fees	-	100	-	100	-
Grants	-	1200	-	1200	750
Periodicals	759	-	-	759	695
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	2772	1300	310	4382	1725
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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	2080	-	-	2080	45
Trading income	-	-	59884	59884	32791
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	2080	-	59884	61964	32836
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**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	211	3	-	214	204
General Investment Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-
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	211	3	-	214	204
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**ENNISKILLEN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**  
**31 December 2022**

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	529	-	-	529	21426
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	529	-	-	529	21426
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**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	449	-	-	449	1428
Fundraising events	1936	-	310	2246	260
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	2385	-	310	2695	1688
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**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	15784	-	-	15784	16446
Presbytery fees	527	-	-	527	583
Ministry and support staff costs	52282	-	-	52282	51272
Congregational running expenses	29698	27554	10429	67681	47776
Donations to Missions and charities	529	54230	2900	57659	42191
Christians Against Poverty	-	4992	-	4992	4992
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	98820	86776	13329	198925	163260
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**ENNISKILLEN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

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

**31 December 2022**

**9. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Outings /trips	171	-	-	171	-
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	171	-	-	171	-
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**10. FIXED ASSETS**

The Church and Church halls situated at 16 East Bridge Street Enniskillen and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery have an insurance value of £3,788,202. The manse at 16b Chanterhill Road Enniskillen had an insurance value of £507,937. There is an endowment property at 13 – 15 East Bridge Street Enniskillen from which the Church Mouse Shop operates. It has an insurance value of £998,399 to include contents. The owner of all these properties de jure, acting as holding trustees, is the Education Board of the Omagh Presbytery; the owner de facto is the congregation.

**11. INVESTMENTS**

The congregation held no investments at 31 December 2022 (£Nil: 31 December 2021).

**12. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES**

There were no transactions with trustees or their relatives during the year ended 31 December 2022.

No trustees were remunerated for their role as trustee during the year ended 31 December 2022.

The Congregation paid an expense of £1168.30 relating to rates on the manse which is occupied by the minister.

**13. GOVERNANCE COSTS**

Governance costs of £2040 were incurred during the year ended 31 December 2022 which solely relate to fees paid to the Independent Examiner of the Church's accounts.

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

**31 December 2022**

**14. FUND BALANCES**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balance at start</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
General	33858	98727	-101751	38965	69799
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	33858	98727	-101751	38965	69799
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<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
General No.1 (Barnabas)	770	-	-	-	770
MissionaryNo.4(Barnabas)	250	-	-	-250	-
Youth/T4U	196	-	-194	873	875
Fabric No. 3	10947	16251	-27391	15000	14807
Missionary No.4	19247	39304	-43402	-	15149
United Appeal	3212	6801	-6796	-	3217
Manse	1081	3	-2	-	1082
C.A.P.	6478	13880	-9072	-341	10945
Gamble Bequest	15	-	-30	30	15
Toddle Time	167	-	-	-	167
PW	434	-	-30	-	404
Troop	83	-	-	-	83
Tea4U	65	338	-	-350	53
Bowling club	101	100	-	-	201
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	43046	76677	-86917	14962	47768
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<b>Endowment Funds</b>					
Shop	26904	60194	-13800	-53927	19371
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	26904	60194	-13800	-53927	19371
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<b>Total</b>	<b>103808</b>	<b>235598</b>	<b>-202468</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>136938</b>
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**Enniskillen Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105648

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# Annual report

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

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

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105648)**

**ENNISKILLEN CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Enniskillen Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
16 East Bridge Street  
ENNISKILLEN  
Co Fermanagh BT74 7BT

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105648)

**CHARITY TRUSTEES**

We express our sincere thanks to the Charity Trustees who served during the year. Those who were trustees during the year were:

Rev David Cupples  
Brian Keys  
Diane Stevenson  
Philip Galbraith

Kate Doherty  
Victor Magowan  
Ken Rainey

Ronnie Chambers  
Pamela Rainey  
Alvin Mullan

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister  
Clerk of Session  
Secretary

Rev David Cupples (retired 31 January 2023)  
Kate Doherty  
Thomas Harpur (appointed 22 May 2022)

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

McAlee Jackson Ltd  
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors  
Church House  
24 Dublin Road  
Omagh BT78 1HE

**BANKERS**

Danske Bank  
24 Townhall Street  
Enniskillen  
BT74 7BB

**SOLICITORS**

Cooper Wilkinson  
Solicitors  
Imperial Buildings  
38-40 Queen Elizabeth Road  
Enniskillen BT74 7BY

**ENNISKILLEN 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 held on the third Thursday of every month except July and August.

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. Election directly by the congregation requires a person to obtain 30% of votes cast; election by the Kirk Session requires names selected and proposed to the congregation to receive two-thirds of the votes cast.

The duties of the Clerk of Session have accumulated and increased over the 15 years of her tenure. Some of these duties were re-allocated and re-distributed to the other elders at the June meeting to spread responsibility and lighten the workload of the Clerk.

An election of elders was held in the autumn. Four people received enough votes to be elected but only one felt that becoming an elder was the call of God to him at this moment in time.

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

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

### **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.

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

The congregation's mission purpose is to glorify and enjoy God in worship and living. To live and love as a fellowship of His family and to help one another grow spiritually. To share His Word with others and to serve our community.

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

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

- A church which glorifies God by enabling people to become mature disciples of Jesus Christ
- A warm-hearted congregation, welcoming people from all backgrounds
- A place where through relevant and sound Bible teaching, fellowship groups, faithful pastoral care and a growing emphasis on witness in the community we create nurturing environment where people can find forgiveness, wholeness and transformation in Jesus Christ the Lord.

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 and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on four 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 has a wide range of organisations, activities and ministries including: Creche, Sunday School (XTB), Youth Fellowship, Bible Class, Chess Club, Bowling Club, mid-week Fellowship Groups, Prayer Meeting, Toddle Time, Tea4U community cafe, Church Mouse Shop (charity shop), Pastoral Care Team, The Mens Group and CAP West NI – a branch of the UK charity Christians Against Poverty.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

#### **Worship and prayer**

At the practical level, the period of severe restrictions placed on each congregation by the PCI General Assembly came to an end on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022. While some restrictions remained in force, this opened the way for many aspects of church life to return to normal; in particular the end to the requirement for social distancing when seated in church.

Regrettably the numbers of people attending the Sunday morning services did not return to pre-Covid levels. The Sunday morning service continues to be livestreamed. We know this is valued by the elderly and infirm members who cannot physically be present at church and who look forward immensely each week to the broadcast service. We have continued to receive as many as 200 views per week, but this has not translated into new faces at church.

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

While fellowship groups and the prayer meeting have reverted back to in-person meeting, Zoom has proved to be a useful fallback when e.g. the weather has been inclement.

The elders of the church continued a serious study of Romans 12 in an ongoing attempt to hear from God concerning the future of the congregation.

At 31 December 2022 there were 127 communicant members and 156 families connected with the congregation.

Taking account of guidance from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church that holding an AGM was optional for charities, the decision was made not to hold an AGM this year.

### **Pastoral care**

The Pastoral Care Team continued to offer practical help and support. Nearly one quarter of the current group of people associated with the church are over 80 years of age.

A thorough review was undertaken of pastoral care, with specific reference to home visitation. The model of each elder having a district was retained. The key points of this were written up for our learning and one elder has been asked to carry a brief for pastoral care and chair a reflection on this at each KS meeting so that elders would continue to learn together how best to care for the flock, sharing experiences of both success and failure.

It was with joy that various other ministries did resume - Chess Club, T4U, our community café; Monday night Bowling Club; and Crèche in September.

The ministries of the Church Mouse Shop, CAP and Youth Fellowship continued, as did Men's Breakfasts.

As a church we have always believed in the importance of small groups and the Prayer Meeting, Fellowship Groups and Men's Group continued to meet.

There is now no functioning group under the banner of Presbyterian Women, but several successful events for ladies took place, principally two meals – one a breakfast in June and the other an evening meal in December, both of which attracted large numbers and built relationships.

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

One family was supported financially through the Presbyterian Children's and Orphans Society. Two elderly ladies receive a quarterly grant through the Presbyterian Women's Fund

The use of email has massively changed the method of communication in church life in the last 20 years. Of the 160 families connected to the church, 140 have an email address. This has allowed the minister to send a set of 5 weekly Bible readings and accompanying notes to most of the congregation. This has been very well received and will continue into 2023, co-ordinated by one of the elders.

Rev Cupples led a discipleship training class over the course of 8 Sunday evenings in the period April – June. Focusing on Luke chapters 9-10 the focus of study and application was on how Jesus trained his 12 disciples. While open to the whole congregation and publicised widely, a selected number of people were invited, for whom it was felt this might be especially worthwhile.

### **Mission and outreach**

Regarding the re-commencement of various church ministries after Covid, there were gains and losses. Due to a lack of leaders, it was decided that the Friday evening meetings for primary school age girls, Giggles, would end.

For the same reason Toddle Time did not re-commence but it is hoped this ministry can begin again in due course.

The Church Mouse Shop continued to open on Fridays and had its highest ever level of annual income since opening in December 2013.

Sunday evening meetings began again in October and pursuing a missionary theme, we have heard from Rebecca Stevenson about her work with CARE, from Ken Rainey about the work of Bethesda in Romania, and from Kate Doherty on the work of Operation Rescue in Ethiopia.

An outreach initiative was undertaken in the autumn period comprising 5 separate gatherings – a barbecue in September, TEAR Fund Big Quiz Night in October, a weekend of special meetings in November and the Carol Service on 18<sup>th</sup> December. Over the week-end of 18/19 November Linda Jane Watt from Portadown spoke at T4U and an evening meeting on her spiritual restoration and wholeness after a childhood of severe abuse, and Rev Ian Harrison spoke on Saturday morning on how he has faced cancer through faith in Christ. While all the gatherings were quite well attended by people already connected to the congregation, the absence of faces from outside underlines the depth and scale of the challenge the church faces with regard to mission in our own local community.

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

A special meeting of Kirk Session was held in November to specifically consider the issue of why some local churches are growing while others are declining. It was an insightful discussion but did not yield any simple answers as to how to move forward in our own congregation.

While some people have left us to join other churches, we have also made contact with two new families this year.

We experienced the joy of one adult baptism, one infant dedication and one wedding service.

Jeff Gawn was Licensed as a probationer for the Christian ministry on 22 October 2022.

### **Our giving to external agencies and charities was as follows**

To mission agencies and societies beyond the Presbyterian Church in Ireland –  
£35,309 (2021 - £33,421)

PCI United Appeal for mission - £6,796 (2021 - £6,944)

PCI World Development Appeal - £5,982 (2021 - £1,728)

PCI Children's Society - £2,446 (25% of Harvest Appeal)

Earl Haig Fund - £126 (2021 - £98)

The war in Ukraine exercised many hearts and consciences. There was a generous response to the Moderator's Appeal for Ukraine. £4000 was given directly by the congregation, and £3000 was added to this comprising two week's takings in the Church Mouse Shop. In May Rev Alistair Torrens spoke at a Sunday morning service bringing a firsthand account of the suffering there. Rev Torrens lectures at the Kiev Evangelical Theological Seminary. A subsequent gift of £1000 was made to him from church funds for use in alleviating suffering in Ukraine.

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.

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The congregation continues to support the Cousley family who work with MAF in Mareeba, Australia. They are now applying for permanent residence. They are expected to visit Enniskillen in March 2023 when discussions will be held with them about future support.

With no major building projects or repairs anticipated and all church accounts in a healthy state, the Harvest Appeal was used to all help those affected by the current cost of living crisis. A total of nearly £10,000 was divided between TEAR Fund and Presbyterian Children's Society (25%) each, and the remaining 50% going to the Lakes Vineyard Food bank.

The Missionary Committee felt there was a need to consolidate our missionary giving among a smaller number of agencies. As a result, a parting gift and letter was sent to OMF, EMMS, Worldshare and Operation Mobilisation.

### **Presbytery**

Presbytery meetings resumed and both minister and representative elder attended.

### **General Assembly**

The Enniskillen congregation sought to scrupulously adhere to all formal guidance given by the Presbyterian Church in Ireland on the basis of a clear biblical command to love our neighbour, and do everything in our power to make attendance at in-person services as safe as possible. There were no breaches of government or PCI regulations.

### **Property**

No major work was undertaken in 2022 and none is anticipated.

The cy pres scheme was set in motion in 2021 regarding the terms of the Gamble Bequest is still ongoing. If this were to be successful it would have a significant effect on the congregation's freedom to manage the income derived from the Church Mouse shop.

### **Organisations**

There has been a renewal of outside groups using the Bridge Centre for their activities eg YWAM, Enniskillen Motor Club, Fresh Focus and those learning to play the bagpipes.

Matthew Scott erected on the Bridge Centre staircase a magnificent montage of 153 fish made of felt, symbolising the miraculous draft of fishes, described in John 21. This was created by the craft group in the church led by Rachel Beckley.

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

### **Volunteers & Personnel**

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.

Like all churches we are experiencing a challenge in renewing the commitment of volunteers, but we estimate we still have c100 volunteers working across the full range of activities within our congregation.

After many years as a caretaking team, Robert and Hazel Wilson formally stepped down and their contribution was recognised at a special congregational meal in October after a Sunday morning service. The church was delighted when Nigel Johnston was appointed as the new caretaker.

After 15 years as Congregational secretary, during which period of tenure he frequently went well beyond the call of duty, Dr Terry Mulholland stepped down and was replaced in September by Tom Harpur.

A new Designated Person for Safeguarding was appointed. Stuart Beeson accepted the position and Gary Smyth was thanked for his faithful service in this post.

An election of Congregational Committee took place in the spring. Several members having stood down after many years' service, including Harold Martin, Sylvia Cooper, and Eleanor Harpur, it was a joy to welcome several new members onto the new committee.

After taking soundings from the elders, Rev David Cupples had reached agreement with the Kirk Session in February that he should retire on 31 January 2023, 7 months before his due retirement date. This timing would benefit the congregation in its search for his successor. He formally communicated this news to the congregation by means of a letter posted to all households in early August before he went off on summer holiday.

As the year ended, and with the retirement of Rev Cupples drawing nearer, the elders began preparations for the vacancy. The Presbytery of Omagh had appointed Rev Gunther Andrich, minister of Irvinestown, Pettigo and Tempo as Convenor.

With Rev Cupples having been in post for 35 years and 5 months at his retirement, the congregation enters an uncertain time since most members cannot remember a previous vacancy. The Trustees and indeed the whole church family is deeply appreciative of the faithful ministry of Rev Cupples over so many years and plans were made at the end of 2022 to show that appreciation in a variety of appropriate ways.

This is a time to look back with thanks to God for His faithfulness but also to prayerfully renew our commitment as elders and as a church family to seek first the kingdom of God and to trust God to provide for the church's needs in the future.

**ENNISKILLEN 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.

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

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The church is maintained by the generous and in some cases sacrificial giving of its members. This is supplemented by the invaluable income from the Church Mouse Shop.

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 125 contributors during the year (125 in 2021) donating a total of £91,802 (£86,315 in 2021).

Total income of the congregation during the year was £235,598, compared to £223,228 in the previous year.

Regular expenditure increased from £165,354 in 2021 to £202,468 in 2022. This is a reflection of a return to more normal level of Church activities and an increase in giving to Others. The Church has no debt owing.

**RESERVES POLICY**

The Trustees' aim is to maintain sufficient free reserves in unrestricted, undesignated funds to bridge any funding gaps experienced by the church.

It is the policy of this church to hold in Reserves the equivalent of three months' general running costs, including employee costs. It is also our policy to hold in Reserves 25% of annual buildings costs for church, halls and Church Mouse Shop. Based on average annual costs for the past three years, the total amount to be held in Reserves should be a minimum of £32,500.

**GOING CONCERN**

The activities of the congregation are dependent on ongoing contributions from its members. The Trustees are of the opinion that the congregation has sufficient resources at the date of approval of these financial statements to meet commitments which will arise in the year from the date of signing this report and subject to the continuing support from members to fund on an ongoing basis the congregation's current activities and other financial commitments.

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

**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) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

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

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 20 April 2023 and signed on its behalf by

[Name] *Kate Doherty*

[Name] *WK Rainey*

[Date] *20 April 2023*

[Date] *20 April 2023*

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

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105648

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# Annual return

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**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of  
Enniskillen Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland (Charity no. 105388)**

I report on the accounts of Enniskillen Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act;
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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

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

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

*Arnold Jackson*

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**Date : 20 April 2023**