

First Omagh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105655

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-08-10
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

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

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£175,988	£225,497	£0	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Audrey Margaret Hodge		
Miss Linda Ellis		
Mr Arthur Rainey		
Mr David Swann		
Mr David Vance		
Mr Edwin Johnston		
Mr Godfrey Crawford		
Mr Ian Alexander		
Mr Ivan Short		
Mr Ivan Simpson		
Mr Keith Davison		
Mr Mervyn Boyle		
Mr Neville Hagan		
Mr Philip Ewing		
Mr Stuart Harper		
Mr William Swann		
Mrs Dorothy Simpson		
Mrs Florence Harper		
Mrs Isobel Bell		
Mrs Janice Vance		
Mrs Margaret Cummings		
Rev Jane Nelson		

Accounts

FIRST OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2025**

FIRST OMAGH 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 2025 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

First Omagh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
19 Dublin Road
Omagh
BT78 1ES

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105655)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Mr Ian Alexander
Mrs Isobel Bell
Mr David Bowman (retired 13/05/2025)
Mr Mervyn Boyle
Mr Godfrey Crawford
Mrs Margaret Cummings
Mr Keith Davison
Miss Linda Ellis
Mr Philip Ewing
Mr Neville Hagan
Mr Hubert Hamill (retired 13/05/2025)
Mr Samuel Hammond (retired 13/05/2025)
Mrs Florence Harper
Mr Stuart Harper
Miss Audrey Hodge
Mr Edwin Johnston
Rev Patricia Jane Nelson
Mr Arthur Rainey
Mr Ivan Short
Mrs Dorothy Simpson
Mr Ivan Simpson
Mr David Swann
Mr William Swann
Mr David Vance
Mrs Janice Vance

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

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister
Clerk of Session
Treasurer

Rev P Jane Nelson
Miss Audrey M Hodge
Mr Neville Hagan

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Hamill McIlwaine Chartered Accountants
28-30 Old Mountfield Road
Omagh
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BANKERS

Ulster Bank Limited
14 High Street
Omagh
BT78 1BJ

FIRST OMAGH 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 congregation. 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 alternate months of each year; usually five times a year.

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

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. First Omagh 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.

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

The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administration and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly is normally constituted during the first week in June for worship and to conduct its business. At the end of business, it is dissolved. The membership of the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

First Omagh 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 its members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregation's mission purpose is to become a people called to worship God and by the power of the Spirit to share love in Christ with the world, building communities of hope, healing and transformation and to revitalise the life and worship of the congregation in order to encourage a more effective Christian witness in a changing community.

Mission Statement - First Omagh congregation exists to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ through worship, fellowship, discipleship, care for the church family, witness in the community and to the wider world.

Mission Plan - First Omagh congregation intends to focus on the following three aspects of mission: -

- Develop and strengthen our understanding of Christ's mission in the world and the role that we, as a congregation, play in it.
- Find ways of connecting with the increasing number of irregular or non-attending members of the congregation and encourage them to engage with issues of faith.
- Gain an understanding of the needs of the wider community and identify ways in which we can meet those needs in Christ's name.

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

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome and encouraged to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on several occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds regular bible study meetings and has a wide range of organisations including...

- Sunday School (incorporating JIGSAW, BLAST and TOTS)
- Boys' Brigade
- Craft Group
- Coffee Stop
- Bowling Club
- Badminton Clubs
- PW
- Bible Study
- Prayer Meetings
- Walking Group
- Toddle Along
- Sunday Lunch Bunch

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.30 am and special evening services at 7.00 pm are organised throughout the year. Sunday School takes place each Sunday morning during the morning service; children are in church for approximately 15 minutes and then they go to their age specific groups.

During the week many organisations meet in our premises offering a varied program of activities and events bringing many people together from inside our membership and from the wider community.

Bible Study series held in the autumn and the spring, usually lasting 6-8 weeks, provide an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer. Monthly congregational praise and prayer services offer another opportunity to meet together for prayer time and reflection. We also have the support of a very successful Prayer Chain to respond to the many challenging situations faced in our congregation and local community.

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

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at 7 Sacraments of Baptism (2 adults and 5 infants) and gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2025 there were 389 communicant members and 279 families connected with the congregation. The average week attendance at morning worship is 100 with around 20 others watching online.

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors. Most services are livestreamed and are available to view or download from the internet.

Mission and outreach

This year First Omagh supported financially the Mission Station at Embangweni (Malawi), Scripture Union NI and also the Harold McCauley House Residents' Comfort Fund through its Outreach Fund.

An annual week-long Holiday Bible Club is organised in August each year (since 2013 but Covid affected in 2020, 2021 and 2022) and this has been well supported from both inside and outside the congregation.

During the year donations were made to various charitable organisations and good causes.

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 also contributes to the denominations annual World Development Appeal and any other special appeals that occur.

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

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

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

Property

There were no major projects carried out on our premises in 2025. A lightning conductor was installed however on the church and new exterior lighting was installed around our car park.

General maintenance and repairs on our church and halls, on our manse and on our sexton's house came in at £25,573.

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

Organisations

Jigsaw, Blast and Tots (Sunday School) meet on a Sunday morning during Morning Worship with 15-20 children averaging in attendance.

Boys' Brigade meet weekly on a Tuesday evening with an average attendance of 20.

Craft Class meets weekly on a Monday afternoon facilitating around 10 people.

Coffee Stop meets on a Wednesday morning in Spring and Autumn (open to non-members) with an average of 15-25 calling in for a cuppa and a chat.

Toddle Along is our Mums and Tots Group and meets on a Thursday morning with around 30 children and their guardians.

Bowling Club meets on a Wednesday evening (and occasionally on a Friday evening) with a membership of around 20.

Badminton Clubs meet on a Tuesday morning (ladies) and a Monday and Thursday evening (open) with numbers attending around 12-15.

PW meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month with approximately 25 joining in.

Sunday Lunch Bunch provides a 3-course meal on the last Sunday in the month (Sept to April) for those members who live on their own. Usually 8-10 people attend.

Bible Study has two sessions (autumn and spring) with around 25-30 meeting together - approximately 10 of whom meet in a morning house group and the others meet in the church halls in the evening.

Praise and Prayer Services take place on the third Sunday of the month and usually 15-20 come together to pray for our congregation and community.

Walking Group meets on a Tuesday evening from April till October with an average attendance of 15-20.

Volunteers

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

FIRST OMAGH 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 Commission's public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

FIRST OMAGH 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. Total donations received from the congregation during the year as FWO was £75,622, compared to £75,482 in the previous year. Other amounts were received including, for specific charitable collections, from investment income and to off-set specific expenses, totaling £100,366. Total expenditure of £225,497 was spent during the year in achieving the church's charitable objectives.

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 08 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev P.J. Nelson



Miss Audrey M. Hodge

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FIRST OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

We report on the accounts of First Omagh Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 13 to 19.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is our responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

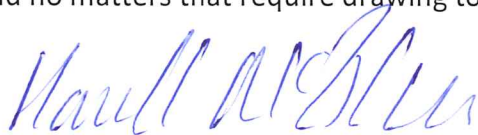
We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. Our examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the 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.

Our 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

We have completed our 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, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Hamill McIlwaine Chartered Accountants
28-30 Old Mountfield Road
Omagh, Co. Tyrone
BT79 7BJ

DATE: 19 March 2026

FIRST OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	93,009	59,833	-	152,842	145,256
Charitable activities	3	-	2,137	-	2,137	8,235
Investment Income	4	9,233	3,330	-	12,563	12,874
Other	5	1,569	6,877	-	8,446	7,233
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		103,811	72,177	-	175,988	173,598
Sale of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
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Total Receipts		103,811	72,177	-	175,988	173,598
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Payments						
Charitable activities	6	109,500	110,162	-	219,662	149,526
Other	7	-	5,835	-	5,835	5,333
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		109,500	115,997	-	225,497	154,859
Purchase of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
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Total Payments		109,500	115,997	-	225,497	154,859
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Net receipts / (payments)		(5,689)	(43,820)	-	(49,509)	18,739
Transfers between funds		1,070	(1,070)	-	-	-
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Net movement in funds		(4,619)	(44,890)	-	(49,509)	18,739
Funds brought forward		98,693	139,901	-	238,594	219,855
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Funds carried forward	10	94,074	95,011	-	189,085	238,594
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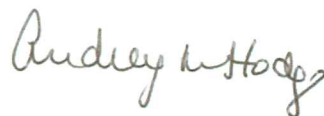
FIRST OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
As at 31 December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	98,693	139,901	-	238,594	219,855
Net movement in funds	(4,619)	(44,890)	-	(49,509)	18,739
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Bank and Cash at end of year	94,074	95,011	-	189,085	238,594
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts				115,739	168,527
Bank Current Accounts				72,771	69,405
Cash				575	662
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				189,085	238,594
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Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 8				-	-
Investments – Note 9				185,061	190,283
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				185,061	190,283
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Liabilities					
Loans				-	-
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 08 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev P.J. Nelson



Miss Audrey M. Hodge

FIRST OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2025

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.

The congregation has reviewed the basis on which it prepares its accounts and in order that these are prepared on a strict receipts and payments basis it has eliminated from its fund balances any funds which are not held in bank or cash balances. Any other funds which the congregation holds, in particular investments, are disclosed on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

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.

FIRST OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2025

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Freewill offerings	75,622	21,246	-	96,868	98,569
Loose collections	1,189	-	-	1,189	957
Donations and gifts	-	30,584	-	30,584	20,289
Gift Aid	16,198	8,003	-	24,201	25,441
Legacies and bequest	-	-	-	-	-
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	93,009	59,833	-	152,842	145,256
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3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	2,137	-	2,137	8,235
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	-	2,137	-	2,137	8,235
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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	1,213	1,905	-	3,118	4,049
General Investment Fund	3,363	1,425	-	4,788	4,570
Rents investment properties	4,657	-	-	4,657	4,255
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	9,233	3,330	-	12,563	12,874
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FIRST OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2025

5. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Periodicals	-	510	-	510	514
Other income	1,569	-	-	1,569	1,280
Organisational income	-	6,367	-	6,367	5,439
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	1,569	6,877	-	8,446	7,233
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6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	16,229	-	-	16,229	18,369
Presbytery fees	754	-	-	754	670
Ministry and support staff costs	60,853	-	-	60,853	57,690
Congregational running expenses	26,465	80,159	-	106,624	49,763
Donations to Missions and charities	4,499	30,003	-	34,502	22,349
Governance costs	700	-	-	700	685
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	109,500	110,162	-	219,662	149,526
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7. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Periodicals	-	510	-	510	555
Organisational expenses	-	5,325	-	5,325	4,778
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	-	5,835	-	5,835	5,333
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FIRST OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2025

8. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at Dublin Road, Omagh and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of approximately £5.6m.

The congregation also owns the Church manse and the sextons house and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of approximately £433k and £274k respectively (sextons house insurance value is building only).

9. INVESTMENTS

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
General Investment Fund	24,603	22,618
NICIFC	160,458	167,665
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	185,061	190,283
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FIRST OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2025

10. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	98,693	103,811	(109,500)	(5,689)	1,070	94,074
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	98,693	103,811	(109,500)	(5,689)	1,070	94,074
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Restricted Funds						
Building Fund	114,953	33,283	(80,013)	(46,730)	600	68,823
Missions Fund	-	15,483	(14,469)	1,014	(1,014)	-
Embangweni Fund	5,286	12,244	(11,285)	959	500	6,745
Coffee Stop	828	705	(250)	455	(750)	533
Flower fund	812	-	(146)	(146)	-	666
Poor Fund	3,055	313	-	313	-	3,368
Outreach Fund	4,303	3,978	(4,000)	(22)	-	4,281
Sunday School	1,559	-	-	-	-	1,559
Periodicals	-	510	(510)	-	-	-
Organisations:						
Craft class	70	190	(30)	160	(200)	30
Badminton group	300	276	(170)	106	(120)	286
Catering group	1,221	620	(1,245)	(625)	250	846
PW	2,851	1,581	(2,934)	(1,353)	1,114	2,612
Boys Brigade	2,558	1,054	(757)	297	-	2,855
Bowling club	618	508	(103)	405	(300)	723
Toddle along	1,193	932	-	932	(700)	1,425
Ladies Badminton	294	500	(85)	415	(450)	259
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	139,901	72,177	(115,997)	(43,820)	(1,070)	95,011
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Endowment Funds						
General	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Fund						
NICIFC	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Total	238,594	175,988	(225,497)	(49,509)	-	189,085
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Accounts

FIRST OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

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

**FIRST OMAGH 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

First Omagh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
19 Dublin Road
Omagh
BT78 1HF

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105655)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Mrs Isobel Bell
Mr David Bowman
Mr Mervyn Boyle
Mr Godfrey Crawford
Mrs Margaret Cummings
Mr Keith Davison
Mr Philip Ewing
Mr Neville Hagan
Mr Hubert Hamill
Mr Samuel Hammond
Mrs Florence Harper
Miss Audrey Hodge
Mr Edwin Johnston
Rev Patricia Jane Nelson
Mr Arthur Rainey
Mr Ivan Short
Mrs Dorothy Simpson
Mr Ivan Simpson
Mr David Swann
Mr William Swann
Mr David Vance

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

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister
Clerk of Session
Treasurer

Rev P Jane Nelson
Miss Audrey M Hodge
Mr Neville Hagan

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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**FIRST OMAGH 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 congregation. 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 alternate months of each year; usually five times a year.

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

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. First Omagh 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.

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

The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administration and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly is normally constituted during the first week in June for worship and to conduct its business. At the end of business, it is dissolved. The membership of the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

First Omagh 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 its members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregation's mission purpose is to become a people called to worship God and by the power of the Spirit to share love in Christ with the world, building communities of hope, healing and transformation and to revitalise the life and worship of the congregation in order to encourage a more effective Christian witness in a changing community.

Mission Statement - First Omagh congregation exists to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ through worship, fellowship, discipleship, care for the church family, witness in the community and to the wider world.

Mission Plan - First Omagh congregation intends to focus on the following three aspects of mission: -

- Develop and strengthen our understanding of Christ's mission in the world and the role that we, as a congregation, play in it.
- Find ways of connecting with the increasing number of irregular or non-attending members of the congregation and encourage them to engage with issues of faith.
- Gain an understanding of the needs of the wider community and identify ways in which we can meet those needs in Christ's name.

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

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome and encouraged to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on several occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds regular bible study meetings and has a wide range of organisations including...

- Sunday School (incorporating JIGSAW, BLAST and TOTS)
- Boys' Brigade
- Craft Group
- Coffee Stop
- Bowling Club
- Badminton Clubs
- PW
- Bible Study
- Prayer Meetings
- Walking Group
- Aerobics
- Toddle Along
- Sunday Lunch Bunch

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.30 am and special evening services at 7.00 pm are organised throughout the year. Sunday School takes place each Sunday morning during the morning service; children are in church for approximately 15 minutes and then they go to their age specific groups.

During the week many organisations meet in our premises offering a varied program of activities and events bringing many people together from inside our membership and from the wider community.

Bible Study series held in the autumn and the spring, usually lasting 6-8 weeks, provide an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer. Monthly congregational praise and prayer services offer another opportunity to meet together for prayer time and reflection. We also have the support of a very successful Prayer Chain to respond to the many challenging situations faced in our congregation and local community.

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

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at 4 Sacraments of Baptism and gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2024 there were 367 communicant members and 280 families connected with the congregation. The average week attendance at morning worship is 104 with around 20 others watching online.

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors. Most services are livestreamed and are available to view or download from the internet.

Mission and outreach

This year First Omagh supported financially the Mission Station at Embangweni (Malawi), Scripture Union NI and also the Harold McCauley House Residents' Comfort Fund through its Outreach Fund.

An annual week-long Holiday Bible Club is organised in August each year (since 2013 but Covid affected in 2020, 2021 and 2022) and this has been well supported from both inside and outside the congregation.

During the year donations were made to various charitable organisations and good causes.

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 also contributes to the denominations annual World Development Appeal and any other special appeals that occur.

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

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

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

Property

There were no major projects carried out on our premises in 2024.

General maintenance and repairs on our church and halls, on our manse and on our sexton's house came in at £23,717.

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

Organisations

Jigsaw, Blast and Tots (Sunday School) meet on a Sunday morning during Morning Worship with 25 children averaging in attendance.

Boys' Brigade meet weekly on a Tuesday evening with an average attendance of 20.

Craft Class meets weekly on a Monday evening facilitating around 10 people.

Coffee Stop meets on a Wednesday morning (open to non-members) with an average of 25-30 calling in for a cuppa and a chat.

Toddle Along is our Mums and Tots Group and meets on a Thursday morning with around 30 children and their guardians.

Bowling Club meets on a Wednesday evening (and occasionally on a Friday evening) with a membership of around 25.

Badminton Clubs meet on a Tuesday morning (ladies) and a Monday and Thursday evening (open) with numbers attending around 12-15.

PW meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month with approximately 25 joining in.

Sunday Lunch Bunch provides a 3-course meal on the last Sunday in the month (Sept to April) for those members who live on their own. Usually between 10 and 20 people attend.

Bible Study has two sessions (autumn and spring) with around 25-30 meeting together - approximately 10 of whom meet in a morning house group and the others meet in the church halls in the evening.

Praise and Prayer Services take place on the third Sunday of the month and usually 15-20 come together to pray for our congregation and community.

Walking Group meets on a Tuesday evening from April till October. Open to non-members this group can reach as many as 50.

Volunteers

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

**FIRST OMAGH 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 Commission's public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

**FIRST OMAGH 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. Total donations received from the congregation during the year as FWO was £75,482, compared to £77,547 in the previous year. Other amounts were received including, for specific charitable collections, from investment income and to off-set specific expenses, totaling £98,116. Total expenditure of £154,859 was spent during the year in achieving the church's charitable objectives.

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.

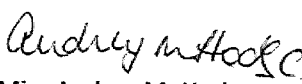
As the congregation's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

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 14 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev P.J. Nelson



Miss Audrey M. Hodge

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FIRST OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

We report on the accounts of First Omagh Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 13 to 19.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is our responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. Our 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.

Our 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

We have completed our 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, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

HMCI Limited

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Hamill McIlwaine Chartered Accountants
28-30 Old Mountfield Road
Omagh, Co. Tyrone
BT79 7BJ

DATE: 21/5/25

FIRST OMAGH 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
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	93,678	51,578	-	145,256	152,354
Charitable activities	3	-	8,235	-	8,235	17,016
Investment Income	4	9,050	3,824	-	12,874	11,559
Other	5	1,280	5,953	-	7,233	8,318
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		104,008	69,590	-	173,598	189,247
Sale of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
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Total Receipts		104,008	69,590	-	173,598	189,247
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Payments						
Charitable activities	6	103,865	45,661	-	149,526	258,571
Other	7	41	5,292	-	5,333	4,582
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		103,906	50,953	-	154,859	263,153
Purchase of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	8,763
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Total Payments		103,906	50,953	-	154,859	271,916
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Net receipts / (payments)		102	18,637	-	18,739	(82,669)
Transfers between funds		(1,225)	1,225	-	-	-
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Net movement in funds		(1,123)	19,862	-	18,739	(82,669)
Funds brought forward		99,816	120,039	-	219,855	302,524
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Funds carried forward	10	98,693	139,901	-	238,594	219,855
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FIRST OMAGH 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
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	99,816	120,039	-	219,855	302,524
Net movement in funds	(1,123)	19,862		18,739	(82,669)
Bank and Cash at end of year	98,693	139,901		238,594	219,855
Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts				168,527	168,985
Bank Current Accounts				69,405	50,466
Cash				662	404
				238,594	219,855
Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 8				-	-
Investments – Note 9				190,283	181,968
				190,283	181,968
Liabilities					
Loans				-	-
				-	-

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 14 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev P.J. Nelson



Miss Audrey M. Hodge

**FIRST OMAGH 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.

The congregation has reviewed the basis on which it prepares its accounts and in order that these are prepared on a strict receipts and payments basis it has eliminated from its fund balances any funds which are not held in bank or cash balances. Any other funds which the congregation holds, in particular investments, are disclosed on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

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.

FIRST OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31 December 2024

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Freewill offerings	75,482	23,087	-	98,569	101,467
Loose collections	957	-	-	957	922
Donations and gifts	10	20,279	-	20,289	22,574
Gift Aid	17,229	8,212	-	25,441	27,391
Legacies and bequest	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>93,678</u>	<u>51,578</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>145,256</u>	<u>152,354</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	8,235	-	8,235	17,016
	<u>-</u>	<u>8,235</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,235</u>	<u>17,016</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	1,542	2,507	-	4,049	3,893
General Investment Fund	3,253	1,317	-	4,570	3,736
Rents investment properties	4,255	-	-	4,255	3,930
	<u>9,050</u>	<u>3,824</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,874</u>	<u>11,559</u>

FIRST OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2024

5. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Periodicals	-	514	-	514	535
Other income	1,280	-	-	1,280	971
Organisational income	-	5,439	-	5,439	6,812
	<u>1,280</u>	<u>5,953</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,233</u>	<u>8,318</u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	18,369	-	-	18,369	18,165
Presbytery fees	670	-	-	670	765
Ministry and support staff costs	57,690	-	-	57,690	54,861
Congregational running expenses	25,951	23,812	-	49,763	158,241
Donations to Missions and charities	500	21,849	-	22,349	25,891
Governance costs	685	-	-	685	648
	<u>103,865</u>	<u>45,661</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>149,526</u>	<u>258,571</u>

7. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Periodicals	41	514	-	555	535
Organisational expenses	-	4,778	-	4,778	4,047
	<u>41</u>	<u>5,292</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,333</u>	<u>4,582</u>

FIRST OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2024

8. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at Dublin Road, Omagh and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of approximately £5.4m.

The congregation also owns the Church manse and the sextons house and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of approximately £359k and £217k respectively (sextons house insurance value is building only).

9. INVESTMENTS

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

	2024 £	2023 £
General Investment Fund	22,618	21,872
NICIFC	167,665	160,096
	<u>190,283</u>	<u>181,968</u>

FIRST OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2024

10. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	99,816	104,008	(103,906)	102	(1,225)	98,693
	<u>99,816</u>	<u>104,008</u>	<u>(103,906)</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>(1,225)</u>	<u>98,693</u>
Restricted Funds						
Building Fund	96,105	42,115	(23,717)	18,398	450	114,953
Missions Fund	-	14,808	(16,196)	(1,388)	1,388	-
Embangweni Fund	3,440	2,249	(403)	1,846	-	5,286
Coffee Stop	1,138	640	(750)	(110)	(200)	828
Flower fund	908	-	(96)	(96)	-	812
Poor Fund	2,751	304	-	304	-	3,055
Outreach Fund	4,642	4,161	(4,500)	(339)	-	4,303
Sunday School	1,892	-	(333)	(333)	-	1,559
Periodicals	-	514	(514)	-	-	-
Organisations:						
Craft class	130	220	(130)	90	(150)	70
Badminton group	268	280	(128)	152	(120)	300
Catering group	1,608	427	(814)	(387)	-	1,221
PW	2,773	635	(1,414)	(779)	857	2,851
Boys Brigade	2,683	1,491	(1,616)	(125)	-	2,558
Bowling club	656	405	(143)	262	(300)	618
Toddle along	1,045	458	(110)	348	(200)	1,193
Ladies Badminton	-	883	(89)	794	(500)	294
	<u>120,039</u>	<u>69,590</u>	<u>(50,953)</u>	<u>18,637</u>	<u>1,225</u>	<u>139,901</u>
Endowment Funds						
General	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
NICIFC	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>219,855</u>	<u>173,598</u>	<u>(154,859)</u>	<u>18,739</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>238,594</u>

First Omagh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105655

Annual report

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

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

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The Kirk Session has had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. Total donations received from the congregation during the year as FWO was £75,482, compared to £77,547 in the previous year. Other amounts were received including, for specific charitable collections, from investment income and to off-set specific expenses, totaling £98,116. Total expenditure of £154,859 was spent during the year in achieving the church's charitable objectives.

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.

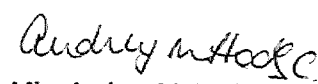
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The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding 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 14 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev P.J. Nelson



Miss Audrey M. Hodge

First Omagh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105655

Annual return

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FIRST OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

We report on the accounts of First Omagh Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 13 to 19.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is our responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. Our 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.

Our 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

We have completed our 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, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

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DATE: 21/5/25

Accounts

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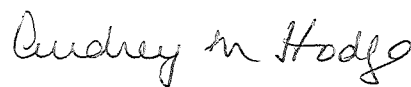
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The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding 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 14 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev P.J. Nelson



Miss Audrey M. Hodge

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FIRST OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

We report on the accounts of First Omagh Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 13 to 19.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is our responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. Our 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. Our 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

We have completed our 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, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

HMCI Ltd

Hamill McIlwaine Chartered Accountants
28-30 Old Mountfield Road
Omagh, Co. Tyrone
BT79 7BJ

DATE: 14 April 2024

FIRST OMAGH 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
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	98,147	204,377	-	302,524	331,906
Net movement in funds	1,669	(84,338)	-	(82,669)	(29,382)
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Bank and Cash at end of year	99,816	120,039	-	219,855	302,524
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts				168,985	263,775
Bank Current Accounts				50,466	38,414
Cash				404	335
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				219,855	302,524
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Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 8				-	-
Investments – Note 9				181,968	167,484
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				181,968	167,484
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Liabilities					
Loans				-	-
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 14 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev P.J. Nelson



Miss Audrey M. Hodge

FIRST OMAGH 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
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	97,393	54,961	-	152,354	140,524
Charitable activities	3	-	17,016	-	17,016	-
Investment Income	4	7,742	3,817	-	11,559	8,037
Other	5	971	7,347	-	8,318	4,412
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		106,106	83,141	-	189,247	152,973
Sale of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
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Total Receipts		106,106	83,141	-	189,247	152,973
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Payments						
Charitable activities	6	102,728	155,843	-	258,571	177,865
Other	7	-	4,582	-	4,582	4,490
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		102,728	160,425	-	263,153	182,355
Purchase of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets		-	8,763	-	8,763	-
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Total Payments		102,728	169,188	-	271,916	182,355
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Net receipts / (payments)		3,378	(86,047)	-	(82,669)	(29,382)
Transfers between funds		(1,709)	1,709	-	-	-
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Net movement in funds		1,669	(84,338)	-	(82,669)	(29,382)
Funds brought forward		98,147	204,377	-	302,524	331,906
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Funds carried forward	10	99,816	120,039	-	219,855	302,524
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**FIRST OMAGH 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.

The congregation has reviewed the basis on which it prepares its accounts and in order that these are prepared on a strict receipts and payments basis it has eliminated from its fund balances any funds which are not held in bank or cash balances. Any other funds which the congregation holds, in particular investments, are disclosed on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

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.

FIRST OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2023

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Freewill offerings	77,547	23,920	-	101,467	93,021
Loose collections	922	-	-	922	563
Donations and gifts	420	22,154	-	22,574	22,785
Gift Aid	18,504	8,887	-	27,391	24,155
Legacies and bequest	-	-	-	-	-
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	97,393	54,961	-	152,354	140,524
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3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	17,016	-	17,016	-
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	-	17,016	-	17,016	-
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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	1,210	2,683	-	3,893	237
General Investment Fund	2,602	1,134	-	3,736	3,870
Rents investment properties	3,930	-	-	3,930	3,930
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	7,742	3,817	-	11,559	8,037
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FIRST OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2023

5. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Periodicals	-	535	-	535	465
Other income	971	-	-	971	229
Organisational income	-	6,812	-	6,812	3,718
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	971	7,347	-	8,318	4,412
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6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	18,165	-	-	18,165	18,740
Presbytery fees	765	-	-	765	791
Ministry and support staff costs	54,861	-	-	54,861	51,046
Congregational running expenses	28,289	129,952	-	158,241	74,046
Donations to Missions and charities	-	25,891	-	25,891	32,622
Governance costs	648	-	-	648	620
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	102,728	155,843	-	258,571	177,865
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7. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Periodicals	-	535	-	535	516
Organisational expenses	-	4,047	-	4,047	3,974
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	-	4,582	-	4,582	4,490
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FIRST OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2023

8. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at Dublin Road, Omagh and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of approximately £5.4m.

The congregation also owns the Church manse and the sextons house and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of approximately £359k and £217k respectively (sextons house insurance value is building only).

9. INVESTMENTS

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
General Investment Fund	21,872	20,674
NICIFC	160,096	146,810
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	181,968	167,484
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FIRST OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2023

10. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Fund	98,147	106,106	(102,728)	3,378	(1,709)	99,816
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	98,147	106,106	(102,728)	3,378	(1,709)	99,816
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Restricted Funds						
Building Fund	182,203	51,152	(137,650)	(86,498)	400	96,105
Missions Fund	-	19,374	(20,410)	(1,036)	1,036	-
Embangweni Fund	3,139	521	(220)	301	-	3,440
Coffee Stop	1,333	1,766	(1,761)	5	(200)	1,138
Flower fund	908	-	-	-	-	908
Poor Fund	2,512	239	-	239	-	2,751
Outreach Fund	4,653	4,489	(4,500)	(11)	-	4,642
Sunday School	1,937	20	(65)	(45)	-	1,892
Periodicals	-	535	(535)	-	-	-
Organisations:						
Craft class	35	220	(25)	195	(100)	130
Badminton group	279	251	(162)	89	(100)	268
Catering group	387	1,680	(459)	1,221	-	1,608
PW	2,060	1,229	(1,489)	(260)	973	2,773
Boys Brigade	3,410	1,000	(1,727)	(727)	-	2,683
Bowling club	646	495	(185)	310	(300)	656
Toddle along	875	170	-	170	-	1,045
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	204,377	83,141	(169,188)	(86,047)	1,709	120,039
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Endowment Funds						
General	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Fund						
NICIFC	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Total	302,524	189,247	(271,916)	(82,669)	-	219,855
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First Omagh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105655

Annual report

FIRST OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

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

FIRST OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

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

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

First Omagh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
19 Dublin Road
Omagh
BT78 1HF

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105655)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Mrs Isobel Bell
Mr David Bowman
Mr Mervyn Boyle
Mr Godfrey Crawford
Mrs Margaret Cummings
Mr Keith Davison
Mr Philip Ewing
Mr Neville Hagan
Mr Hubert Hamill
Mr Samuel Hammond
Mrs Florence Harper
Miss Audrey Hodge
Mr Edwin Johnston
Rev Patricia Jane Nelson
Mr Arthur Rainey
Mr Ivan Short
Mrs Dorothy Simpson
Mr Ivan Simpson
Mr David Swann
Mr William Swann
Mr David Vance
Mr Brian Wilson (deceased 11/05/2023)

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

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister
Clerk of Session
Treasurer

Rev P Jane Nelson
Miss Audrey M Hodge
Mr Neville Hagan

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Hamill McIlwaine Chartered Accountants
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BANKERS

Ulster Bank Limited
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FIRST OMAGH 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 congregation. 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 alternate months of each year; usually five times a year.

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

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. First Omagh 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.

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

The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administration and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly is normally constituted during the first week in June for worship and to conduct its business. At the end of business, it is dissolved. The membership of the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

First Omagh 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 its members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregation's mission purpose is to become a people called to worship God and by the power of the Spirit to share love in Christ with the world, building communities of hope, healing and transformation and to revitalise the life and worship of the congregation in order to encourage a more effective Christian witness in a changing community.

Mission Statement - First Omagh congregation exists to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ through worship, fellowship, discipleship, care for the church family, witness in the community and to the wider world.

Mission Plan - First Omagh congregation intends to focus on the following three aspects of mission: -

- Develop and strengthen our understanding of Christ's mission in the world and the role that we, as a congregation, play in it.
- Find ways of connecting with the increasing number of irregular or non-attending members of the congregation and encourage them to engage with issues of faith.
- Gain an understanding of the needs of the wider community and identify ways in which we can meet those needs in Christ's name.

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

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome and encouraged to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on several occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds regular bible study meetings and has a wide range of organisations including...

- Sunday School (incorporating JIGSAW, BLAST and TOTS)
- Boys' Brigade
- Craft Group
- Coffee Stop
- Bowling Club
- Badminton Clubs
- PW
- Bible Study
- Prayer Meetings
- Walking Group
- Aerobics
- Toddle Along
- Sunday Lunch Bunch

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.30 am and special evening services at 7.00 pm are organised throughout the year. Sunday School takes place each Sunday morning during the morning service; children are in church for approximately 15 minutes and then they go to their age specific groups.

During the week many organisations meet in our premises offering a varied program of activities and events bringing many people together from inside our membership and from the wider community.

Bible Study series held in the autumn and the spring, usually lasting 6-8 weeks, provide an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer. Monthly congregational praise and prayer services offer another opportunity to meet together for prayer time and reflection. We also have the support of a very successful Prayer Chain to respond to the many challenging situations faced in our congregation and local community.

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

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at 4 Sacraments of Baptism and gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2023 there were 388 communicant members and 279 families connected with the congregation. The average week attendance at morning worship is 98 with around 20 others watching online.

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors. Most services are livestreamed and are available to view or download from the internet.

Mission and outreach

This year First Omagh supported financially the Mission Station at Embangweni (Malawi), Scripture Union NI and also the Harold McCauley House Residents' Comfort Fund through its Outreach Fund.

An annual week-long Holiday Bible Club is organised in August each year (since 2013 but Covid affected in 2020, 2021 and 2022) and this has been well supported from both inside and outside the congregation.

During the year donations were made to various charitable organisations and good causes.

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

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

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

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

Property

During the year a major refurbishment of the internal timbers in our church building was completed. Roof beams and exposed tongue and groove boards on the ceiling and perimeter walls were sanded back to bare wood and re-stained and coated with fireproof varnish.

An access walkway for maintenance purposes was erected above the ceiling high point and electrical wiring was brought up to an acceptable standard.

The internal walls were also repainted leaving the inside of our church in an excellent state for many years to come.

The cost of the project was £116,407.

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

Organisations

Jigsaw, Blast and Tots (Sunday School) meet on a Sunday morning during Morning Worship with 20 children averaging in attendance.

Boys' Brigade meet weekly on a Tuesday evening with an average attendance of 20.

Craft Class meets weekly on a Monday evening facilitating around 10 people.

Coffee Stop meets on a Wednesday morning (open to non-members) with an average of 25-30 calling in for a cuppa and a chat.

Toddle Along is our Mums and Tots Group and meets on a Thursday morning with around 30 children and their guardians.

Bowling Club meets on a Wednesday evening (and occasionally on a Friday evening) with a membership of around 25.

Badminton Clubs meet on a Tuesday morning (ladies) and a Monday and Thursday evening (open) with numbers attending around 12-15.

PW meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month with approximately 25 joining in.

Sunday Lunch Bunch provides a 3-course meal on the last Sunday in the month (Sept to April) for those members who live on their own. Usually between 10 and 20 people attend.

Bible Study has two sessions (autumn and spring) with around 25-30 meeting together - approximately 10 of whom meet in a morning house group and the others meet in the church halls in the evening.

Praise and Prayer Services take place on the third Sunday of the month and usually 15-20 come together to pray for our congregation and community.

Walking Group meets on a Tuesday evening from April till October. Open to non-members this group can reach as many as 50.

Volunteers

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

FIRST OMAGH 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 Commission's public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

**FIRST OMAGH 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. Total donations received from the congregation during the year as FWO was £77,547, compared to £72,025 in the previous year. Other amounts were received including, for specific charitable collections, from investment income and to off-set specific expenses, totaling £111,700. Total expenditure of £271,916 was spent during the year in achieving the church's charitable objectives which includes £116,407 for repairing the roof beams in the church.

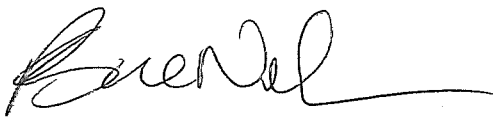
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

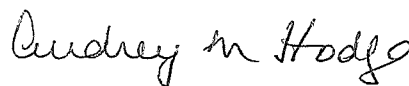
As the congregation's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

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 14 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev P.J. Nelson



Miss Audrey M. Hodge

First Omagh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105655

Annual return

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FIRST OMAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

We report on the accounts of First Omagh Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 13 to 19.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is our responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. Our 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.

Our 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

We have completed our 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, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

HMCI Ltd

Hamill McIlwaine Chartered Accountants
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DATE: 14 April 2024