

Strabane Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105667

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
2024-12-31	£78,266	£58,989	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Charles Maybin		
Cordner Stuart		
Gail Sproule		
John Sayers		
Norman Darragh		
Robin Sproule		
Valerie Lindsay		
William Watson		

Strabane Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105667

Accounts

STRABANE 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	40529	12895		53424	65020
Charitable activities	3	4908	15510		20418	18316
Other trading activities	4					
Investment Income	5	5185	1507		6238	5714
Other	6					
		50622	29912		80080	
Sale of Investments		0	0			
Sale of fixed assets		0	0			
Loans Received		0	0			
Total Receipts						
Payments						
Raising funds	7					
Charitable activities	8					
Investment costs						
Other	9					
Purchase of Investments		0	0			
Purchase of fixed assets		0	0			
Loan Repayments		0	0			
Total Payments						

Net receipts / (payments)	14023	5254
Transfers between funds	0	0
Net movement in funds	14023	5254
Funds brought forward	62768	65592
Funds carried forward	12 62768	65592

STRABANE 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	48475	60338		114067	105709
Net movement in funds	14023	5254		19277	8738
Bank and Cash at end of year	62768	65592		128360	128360
Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts	0	0	0	0	0
Bank Current Accounts	62768	65592	0		
Cash in Hand	0	0	0	0	0
Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 10					
- Church Premises				3,000000.0	
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment				1,000000.0	
- Vehicles	0	0	0	0	0
Liabilities					
Loans				0	0
				0	0

Other

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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 9th June 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Robin Sproule
Robin Sproule
Congregational Secretary

William Watson
Clerk *W Watson*

STRABANE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

FUND ACCOUNTING

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

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

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

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
£	£	£	£	£

Recorded giving:	39249	39249	37842
Loose collections	1,281	1281	1420
Donations and gifts	5484	5484	10692
Gift Aid	5784	5784	7006
Legacies and bequest	2500	2500	2080
		54298	59,040

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

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	0	0			
Fees from weddings and funerals	0	0			
Fundraising events	0	0			
Membership fees	0	0			
Grants	0	0			
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	0	0	0	0	0
Trading income	0	0	0	0	0
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest					
General Investment Fund	6692			6692	5020

Rents investment properties

Other investment income

STRABANE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
 NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
 31 December 2024

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	0	0	0	0	0
Other income	0	0	0	0	0
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	39249			39249	37842
Fundraising events					
	39249		-----	-----	-----
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	4166			4166	4519
Presbytery fees	586			586	649
Ministry and support staff costs	10,220			10220	10035
Congregational running expenses	24767			24767	23556
Donations to Missions and charities	5925			5925	6423

Governance costs

0

0

STRABANE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2024

9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	0	0	0	0	0
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10. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at [address of property] and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £4,000000.00 at last renewal date.

11. INVESTMENTS

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Property	4,000000.00	4,000000.00
Other investments	210028.00	243002.00
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	4,210028.00	4,243002.00

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 NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
 31 December 2024

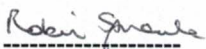
12. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General	48745	61741	47718	14023		62768
	48745	61741	47718	14023		62768
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Restricted Funds						
Building	48079	11041	5984	5057		53136
PW	344	0	0	0		344
Sunday School	1487	63	0	63		1550
Catering	5457	800	621	179		5636
Youth	1,156	0	30	(30)		1126
Bowling	3636	152	167	(15)		3621
Youth 2	179	0	0	0		179
Endowment Funds	0	0	0	0		0

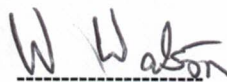
Statement of assets and Liabilities- Year Ended 31st December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Funds Reconciliation					
Cash at bank & in hand 31/12/23	48745	60334		128360	105709
Surplus/deficit This year end	14023	5254		19277	3370
Cash at bank& in Hand 31/12/2024	62768	65592		128360	105,441
Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank deposit balances	0	0			
Bank current account 31/12/24	62768	65592		128360	105709
Cash in hand	0	0		0	0
Liabilities					
Unrestricted fund	0				

Approved by the trustees on 9TH JUNE 2025 and signed on their behalf by



Mr Robin Sproule
Congregational Secretary



William Watson
Clerk

Strabane Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

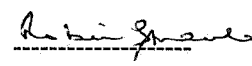
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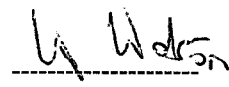
Statement of assets and Liabilities- Year Ended 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Funds Reconciliation					
Cash at bank & in hand 31/12/22	35,840	72,309		102,071	93,333
Surplus/deficit This year end	12,905	(9,535)		3,370	8,738
Cash at bank& in Hand 31/12/2023	48,745	60,334		109,079	105,709
Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank deposit balances	0	0			
Bank current account 21,024	48,745	60,334		109,079	105,709
Cash in hand	0	0		0	0
Liabilities					
Unrestricted fund	0				

Approved by the trustees on 1st July 2024 and signed on their behalf by



Mr Robin Sproule
 Congregational Secretary



William Watson
 Clerk

Strabane Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105667

Annual report

STRABANE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN IRELAND

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

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105667)

**STRABANE 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

Strabane congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Derry Road, Strabane. Co. Tyrone. BT82 8DY

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105667)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Cordner Stuart	John Sayers
Gail Sproule	Robin Sproule
Norman Darragh	Valerie Lindsay
Charles Maybin	Ross Millar
William Watson	

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister

Clerk of Session

William Watson

Treasurer

Norman

Darragh

Congregational

Secretary

Robin Sproule

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Rodney Scott 154 Strabane Road Castlederg. Co. Tyrone. BT81 7JD

BANKERS

Danske Bank 27 Glenshane Road Londonderry BT47 2LN

SOLICITORS

Babingtons Solicitors 74 Railway Street, Strabane BT82 SEQ

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

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

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

The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister and the ruling elders of the congregations. All 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 five times each year or as appropriate.

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

Presbytery

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

**STRABANE 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 third 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.

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

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

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

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

A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another

An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.

An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice]

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

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the 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 range of organisations including

- Sunday School
- Youth Club
- PW
- Bowling Club

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11:30am. During the week the Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together with Sion Mills Presbyterian Church members for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we conducted services to give thanks for faithful service and seek to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2023 there were 318 communicant members and 138 of families connected with the congregation. The average week attendance at morning worship is 42

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.

Mission and outreach

At a local level the congregation's local mission and outreach include a special evening harvest,

With all proceeds going to various charities including "Air Ambulance" and donations to external missions and agencies. Also the church premises are made available to local charities and agencies who's work reaches out into all sections of the community.

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

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

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

Presbytery

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

General Assembly

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 general maintenance was carried out to Church property including the completion of the refurbishment of the manse

Organisations

Bowling Club Meet every Monday night providing an opportunity for members and their friends to have fun and fellowship together average attendance 12

Pre Covid the PW meet monthly September to April giving the ladies of our congregation an opportunity to meet and hear of the mission work of our church at home and over sea's. Average attendance 7 this is something we are keen to get started again soon.

Sunday school meets Sept to June during the morning service. This is an opportunity for our young people to learn about the Love of God.

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.

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

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 105 contributing families during the year 116 in previous year, 2022 donating a total of £37,842, £39,720 in previous year, 2022.

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £72,573, compared to £74,088 in the previous year. [The main reason for the decrease was that our members are decreasing due to the average age of our congregation ie 116 families in 2022 only 105 families in 2023.]

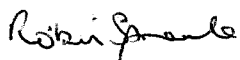
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

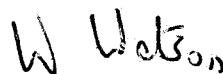
Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 1st July 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Name Robin Sproule

Congregational Secretary

Date 1st July 2024



Name William Watson (Clerk)

Clerk of Session

Date 1st July 2024

Strabane Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105667

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of 'Strabane Presbyterian Church' Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2023, which are set out on pages 09 to 20.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

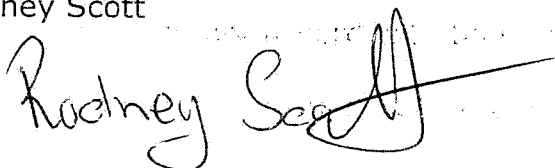
My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

Name: Rodney Scott



Address: 154 Strabane Road Castlederg. Co Tyrone. BT81 7JD

Strabane Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

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Accounts

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

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2019	Total 2018
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	47239.00	15348.69	62587.69	90,308.32	
Charitable activities	3	27404.00	8629.00	36,033.00	38,454.54	
Other trading activities	4					
Investment Income	5	5283.41	1283.90	6,567.31	7,690.91	
Other	6					
		79,926.41	25,261.59	105,188.00	136,453.77	
Sale of Investments	0	0	0			
Sale of fixed assets	0	0	0			
Loans Received	0	0	0			
Total Receipts		79,926.41	25,261.59	105,188.00	136,453.77	
Payments						
Raising funds	7					
Charitable activities	8	73,855.79	10760.00	84615.79	90,248.63	
Investment costs						
Other	9					
Purchase of Investments	0	0	0			
Purchase of fixed assets	0	0	0			
Loan Repayments	0	0	0			
Total Payments		73,855.79	10,760.00	84,615.79	90,248.63	

Net receipts / (payments)	6,922.00	(2,126)
Transfers between funds	0	0
Net movement in funds	6070	(2,126)
Funds brought forward	10557	84586.66
Funds carried forward	12 16627.45	82,888

STRABANE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
 As at 31 December 2019

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2019	Total Funds 2018
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	10,556.58				75,868
Net movement in funds	6070.87	(2126)			
	5,020.58	171.85			
Bank and Cash at end of year	16,627	82,888		95,143.24	84031
	16,627	82,888		95,143.24	84031
Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts	0	0	0	0	0
Bank Current Accounts	16,627	82,888	0		
Cash in Hand	0	0	0	0	0
Other Assets					
Fixed Assets – Note 10					
- Church Premises				3,000000.0	
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment				1,000000.0	
- Vehicles	0	0	0	0	0
Investments – General Investment fund		256,835		256,835	241,729
Gift Aid receivable on donations				9732	
Liabilities					
Loans					
				0	0

0 0

Other

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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 27th February 2020 and signed on its behalf by

D. M. Shaw

Rev Mark Shaw Moderator

W Watson

William Watson (Clerk)

STRABANE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31 December 2019

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

FUND ACCOUNTING

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

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

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

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2019	Total 2018
£	£	£	£	£

Recorded giving:	46,768.50		46,768.50	47,175.55
Loose collections	470.75		470.75	479.15
Donations and gifts	8,392		7464.04	7,464.04
Gift Aid	9,732.15			
Legacies and bequest	0.00	0.00	0.00	39,881.52
		66,0	55,118.74	95,537.41

STRABANE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2019

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2019	Total 2018
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities					
Fees from weddings and funerals					
Fundraising events		4,847			
Membership fees					
Grants					
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4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2019	Total 2018
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	0	0	0	0	0
Trading income	0	0	0	0	0
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5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2019	Total 2018
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest					
General Investment Fund	6,447.33			6447.33	6,447.33

STRABANE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2019

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2019	Total 2018
	£	£	£	£	£
Insurance claims	0	0	0	0	0
Other income	0	0	0	0	0
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2019	Total 2018
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	46768.50			46,768.50	47,175.55
Fundraising events		4,847.98		4847.98	9,641.72
	46,768.50	4,847.98	-----	-----	-----
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2019	Total 2018
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	12,058.00			12,058.00	11,892.50
Presbytery fees	642			642	590
Ministry and support staff costs	31,789			31789.00	40,225.97
Congregational running expenses	15169.10			15,169.10	15,468.88
Donations to Missions and charities	8,077.40			8,077.40	8,484.25

Governance costs

0

0

76058.20

76,661.60

79,768.11

STRABANE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2019

9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2019	Total 2018
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	0	0	0	0	0
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10. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at [address of property] and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have an insurance value of £4,000000.00 at last renewal date.

11. INVESTMENTS

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

	2019	2018
	£	£
General Investment Fund	243,002.00	256,835.00
Property	4,000000.0	3,800,000.00
Other investments	0	0
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	4,243002.00	4,056,835.00

STRABANE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2019

12. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General	10556.58	79,926.66	73,855.79	6,070.87		16,628
	10,556.58	79,926.66	73,855.79	6070.87		16,628
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Restricted Funds						
Building	73429.73	4848	8916	(4,068)		69,362
PW	214.24	408	241	167		382
Sunday School	1383	30	0	30		1,413
Catering	3583	2704	1,487	1,217		4,800
Youth	1396	1		1		1,397
Bowling	3,408	469	110	369		3,767
Badminton	426	0	0	0		426
Charity	385.	6	1	5		390
Endowment Funds	0	0	0	0		0
Total	84,225.40	8,466	10,755	(2,279)		81,937

Statement of assets and Liabilities- Year Ended 31st December 2019

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2019	Total 2018
Funds Reconciliation					
Cash at bank & in hand 31/12/18	10,556	84,224		89,760	89,567
Surplus/deficit This year end	6,071	(2,126)		3,945	5,212
Cash at bank & in Hand 31/12/2019	16,627	82,888		99,515	94,780
Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank deposit balances	0	0			
Bank current account	16,627	82,888		16,627	10,556
Cash in hand	0	0		0	0
Other Assets					
Unrestricted fund					
Gift aid on Donations	9,732				
Restricted funds					
Liabilities					
Unrestricted fund					
	0				

Approved by the trustees on 27th February 2020 and signed on their behalf by

D. M. Shaw

Rev Mark Shaw
Moderator

W. Watson

William Watson
Clerk

Strabane Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105667

Annual report

**STRABANE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN N.IRELAND**

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2019**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105667)

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

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Strabane congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Derry Road, Strabane. Co. Tyrone. BT82 8DY

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105667)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Cordner Stuart	John Sayers
Mark Shaw	Robin Sproule
Gail Sproule	Valerie Lindsay
Norman Darragh	Ross Millar
Charles Maybin	William Watson
Leslie Shiels	

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Name Rev David Mark Shaw
Clerk of Session	William Watson
Treasurer	Norman Darragh

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Rodney Scott 154 Strabane Road Castledearg. Co. Tyrone. BT81 7JD

BANKERS

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

SOLICITORS

Babingtons Solicitors 74 Railway Street, Strabane BT82 8EQ

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

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

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

The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister and the ruling elders of the congregations. All Moderator, the ministers in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held five times each year or as appropriate.

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

Presbytery

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

**STRABANE 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

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

- Sunday School
- Youth Club
- PW
- Bowling Club

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11:30am. During the week the Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we conducted one marriage service and gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2019 there were 334 communicant members and 153 of families connected with the congregation. The average week attendance at morning worship is 68

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.

Mission and outreach

At a local level the congregation's local mission and outreach include a soup lunch

With all proceeds going to **various charities** and donations to external missions and agencies. Also the church premises are made available to local charities.

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

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

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

Presbytery

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our minister and 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 general maintenance was carried out to Church property

Organisations

Bowling Club Meet every Monday night providing an opportunity for members and their friends

To have fun and fellowship together average attendance 12

PW meet monthly September to April giving the ladies of our congregation an opportunity to meet and hear of the mission work of our church at home and over sea's. Average attendance 7

Sunday school meets Sept to June during the morning service. This is an opportunity for our young people to learn about the Love of God.

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.

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

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 120 contributing families during the year 127 in previous year, 2019 donating a total of £46,768.50, £47,175.55 in previous year, 2018.

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £86,069.00, compared to £94,201.16 in the previous year. [The main reason for the decrease was that our members are decreasing due to the average age of our congregation ie 127 families in 2018 only 120 families in 2019.]


STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

As the congregations total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 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 27th February 2020 and signed on its behalf by



Name Rev Mark Shaw (Moderator of Session)

Date 27/02/2020



Name William Watson (Clerk)

Date 27/02/2020

Strabane Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105667

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of 'Strabane Presbyterian Church' Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2019, which are set out on pages 09 to 20.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

Name: Rodney Scott

Rodney Scott 26/2/20

Address: 154 Strabane Road Castlederg. Co Tyrone. BT81 7JD