

# Dromore Congregation of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 106256

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2017-01-23

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

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The purpose of the RPCI is to support and advance the Christian Faith according to the Word of God and in accordance with the 'Book of Government and Order of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of religion

**How the charity works:** Religious activities

**Who the charity helps:** General public

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£79,987	£82,232	£0	1

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Raymond Steen		
Mr Raymond Gamble		
Rev Philip Dunwoody		

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# Accounts

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# Dromore Reformed Presbyterian Church

## Charity Account Report 2025



Charity Account Report for Dromore Reformed Presbyterian Church  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025.

### Charity Details

Dromore Reformed Presbyterian Church  
14 Brewery Lane  
Dromore Co.Down  
BT25 1AH

Charity Registration Number: NIC106256

### Charity Trustees

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Dr Raymond Steen  
Mr Raymond Gamble  
Mr Gregg Somerville

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Minister	Rev Philip Dunwoody
Session	Dr Raymond Steen + Mr Raymond Gamble
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**Independent Examiner**                      Mr William McCollum FCA



Charity Name	Charity No.
Dromore Reformed Presbyterian Church	NIC 106256

## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1st Jan 2025	To	31st Dec 2025
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Collections - Freewill Offering	59,600.45	-	-	59,600	61,980
Collections - Repair / Building Fund	-	9,950	-	9,950	9,205
Collections - Missions	1,565	-	-	1,565	1,058
Gift Aid	5,932	-	-	5,932	17,962
Bequest Income	-	-	-	-	4,000
Bank Interest	610	-	-	610	700
Other Income	2,330	-	-	2,330	313
<b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the Annual Return)	<b>70,037</b>	<b>9,950</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,987</b>	<b>95,218</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>70,037</b>	<b>9,950</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79,987</b>	<b>95,218</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Payments re Ministerial	37,146	-	-	37,146	36,309
Payments re Church Expenses	-	8,240	-	8,240	10,043
Pulput Supply & Student Placement	-	-	-	-	-
Payments re Manse	-	7,977	-	7,977	2,686
Donations / Disaster Appeals	3,889	-	-	3,889	2,446
General Expenses	13,710	-	-	13,710	5,274
RP Mission and Ministry Targets	11,270	-	-	11,270	9,560
Architect / Quantity Surveror's Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Planning Permission	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>66,015</b>	<b>16,217</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,232</b>	<b>66,318</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>66,015</b>	<b>16,217</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67,379</b>	<b>66,318</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>4,022</b>	<b>- 6,267</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 2,245</b>	<b>28,900</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>41,445</b>	<b>- 41,445</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>75,870</b>	<b>102,626</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>178,496</b>	<b>149,596</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>121,337</b>	<b>54,914</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>176,251</b>	<b>178,496</b>

**Dromore Reformed Presbyterian Church**

Period end date: 31st December 2025

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash in Bank Current a/c at 31st Dec 2025	2,126	-	-	2,126	4,976
	Cash in Bank Bulding a/c at 31st Dec 2025		54,914	-	54,914	46,469
	Cash in Bank Savings a/c at 31st Dec 2025	45,628		-	45,628	63,929
	Cash in Bank Charity a/c at 31st Dec 2025	73,584		-	73,584	63,123
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>121,337</b>	<b>54,914</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>176,251</b>	<b>178,496</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
				<b>Total</b>		

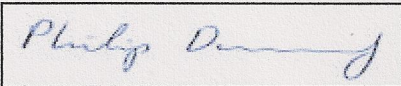
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<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	

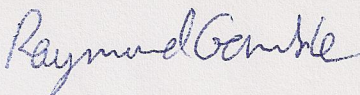
**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

With Dromore Reformed Presbyterian Church now constituted as a formal congregation, the Trustees of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland will proceed to transfer property held on behalf of the Presbytery to the trustees appointed by the members. **Property 1.** The church premises at 14 Brewery Lane Dromore BT25 1AH . The buildings and contents have a combined insurance value of £580691 as at 27 August 2025. **Property 2.** The manse premises at 9 Barronstown Ct. Dromore BT25 1FB. The buildings and contents have a combined insurance value of £302568 as at 27 August 2025.

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
			<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Rev Philip Dunwoody	06/12/26

	RAYMOND GAMBLE	06-02-26
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# Accounts

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# Dromore Reformed Presbyterian Church

## Independent Examiner's Report 2024



Independent Examiner's Report for Dromore Reformed Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

### Charity Details

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14 Brewery Lane, Dromore, Co.Down, BT25 1AH

**Charity Registration Number:** NIC106256

### Charity Trustees

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Dr Raymond Steen  
Mr Raymond Gamble

### Principal Office Bearers

Minister	Rev Philip Dunwoody
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**Independent Examiner** Mr William McCollum FCA



Charity Name	Charity No.
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1st Jan 2024	To	31st Dec 2024
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Collections - Freewill Offering	61,980	-	-	61,980	55,407
Collections - Repair / Building Fund	-	9,205	-	9,205	2,800
Collections - Missions	-	1,058	-	1,058	1,160
Gift Aid	17,962	-	-	17,962	10,795
Bequest Income	4,000	-	-	4,000	-
Bank Interest	700	-	-	700	557
Other Income	313	-	-	313	297
<b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the Annual Return)	<b>84,955</b>	<b>10,263</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>95,218</b>	<b>71,016</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>84,955</b>	<b>10,263</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>95,218</b>	<b>71,016</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Payments re Ministerial	36,309	-	-	36,309	35,071
Payments re Church Expenses	4,952	5,091	-	10,043	10,193
Pulput Supply & Student Placement	-	-	-	-	1,056
Payments re Manse	2,203	483	-	2,686	4,289
Donations / Disaster Appeals	-	2,446	-	2,446	2,357
General Expenses	-	5,274	-	5,274	4,626
RP Mission and Ministry Targets	-	9,560	-	9,560	9,260
Architect / Quantity Surveror's Feesr	-	-	-	-	2,400
Planning Permission	-	-	-	-	13,036
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>43,464</b>	<b>22,854</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66,318</b>	<b>82,288</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>43,464</b>	<b>22,854</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,288</b>	<b>82,288</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>41,491</b>	<b>- 12,591</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,900</b>	<b>- 11,272</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>34,379</b>	<b>156,752</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>149,596</b>	<b>160,868</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>75,870</b>	<b>144,161</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>178,496</b>	<b>149,596</b>

**Dromore Reformed Presbyterian Church**

Period end date: 31st December 2024

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash in Bank Current a/c at 31st Dec 2024	4,976	-	-	4,976	5,525
	Cash in Bank Bulding a/c at 31st Dec 2024	46,469	-	-	46,469	37,264
	Cash in Bank Savings a/c at 31st Dec 2024	24,425	39,503	-	63,928	67,629
	Cash in Bank Charity a/c at 31st Dec 2024	-	63,123	-	63,123	39,179
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>75,870</b>	<b>102,626</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>178,496</b>	<b>149,597</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
			<b>Total</b>			

Categories	Details
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**

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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
		<b>Total</b>			

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature  
*Raymond Gamble*

Print Name  
RAYMOND GAMBLE

Date of approval  
23/02/2025

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# Annual report

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# Dromore Reformed Presbyterian Church

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**Independent Examiner** Mr William McCollum FCA

## **Independent Examiner's report to the Charity Trustees of Dromore Reformed Presbyterian Church**

I report on the accounts of Dromore Reformed Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31 December 2024

### **Respective responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Examiner**

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with The Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act.
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- 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 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 given me cause to believe:

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

### **Independent Examiner's statement**

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

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Name: William McCollum FCA  
**Chartered Accountant**

Relevant professional qualification or body: Fellow of Chartered Accountants Ireland

Address: 74 Crosskennan Road, Antrim, BT41 2RG

**Dromore Congregation of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland**

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# Annual return

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# Dromore Reformed Presbyterian Church

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## DROMORE SESSION REPORT 2024

Dromore Session gives thanks and glory to God for his sustaining grace in the last twelve months. In the course of the year we considered the words of Psalm 31:15, *My times are in your hand*; we are freshly thankful for this precious truth.

### **Session**

Session met on eight occasions during the year. The spiritual needs of the congregation were prayerfully considered and Session made plans to continue regular pastoral visitation. Session also gave thought and prayer to the regular preaching of the Word and opportunities for outreach.

At the May meeting of the Eastern Presbytery Mr John Somerville was relieved of duty as an interim elder in Dromore. Session records its thanks for John's invaluable service over the course of several years and for the hospitality he and his wife, Jennifer, offered in regularly hosting Session meetings in their home.

### **Prayer**

A Day of Fasting and Prayer was once again held at the beginning of the New Year. Church members were encouraged to participate in prayer times, either in person or by Zoom, on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January. A regular programme of midweek prayer times, as well as evening prayer meetings on the Lord's Day, continued throughout the year. Session urges members to make every effort to meet regularly to pray for our congregation's needs as well as the wider church and nation.

### **Worship**

Lord's Day morning and evening worship services were held weekly throughout the year. Average morning attendance in 2024 was 53 – identical to 2023 – with a high of 64 and a low of 30. Average evening attendance increased slightly from 35 in 2023 to 39 in 2024, with a high of 64 and a low of 12. Attendances at monthly evening guest services were encouraging. Session commends members for their commitment to the means of grace; an increasing number of children at evening services has been a blessing.

#### **a) Preaching & Short-Term Service Worker**

Rev. Dunwoody completed another segment of the Book of Genesis, covering chapters 25-36 in 15 sermons. Mr Gareth Orr, a member of the Ballenon congregation and under care of the Southern Presbytery, spent 3 months in Dromore undertaking short-term service. Mr Orr preached 6 sermons, 4 of them as part of the Genesis series. The congregation was blessed by Mr Orr's preaching ministry. He also met regularly with our teaching pastor and had opportunities to lead midweek Bible study and prayer times. Session continues to uphold Mr Orr and his family in prayer as he studies at Reformed Theological College, Belfast.

Mr Dunwoody also preached 14 sermons on Proverbs chapters 1-9; the Book of Nahum in 4 sermons; 21 sermons on the Sermon on the Mount; and Psalms 31-34. A monthly series, "Reformed & Presbyterian", began in September.

Mr Dunwoody took 5 pulpit supplies and 6 weeks of holiday.

### **b) Sacraments**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed on 4 occasions during the year (10<sup>th</sup> March, 9<sup>th</sup> June, 1<sup>st</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> December). An average of 35 members partook of the Sacrament, an increase of 3 from 2023. Communion Preparation Services were held on the preceding Friday evenings in March, June and August and on the preceding Wednesday of the December service. Ahead of the September Communion season Session took the decision to observe the Lord's Supper on the first Sabbaths of March, June, September and December, rather than the second, in an effort to avoid congested weeks when Presbytery or Synod meetings take place.

### **c) Psalmody**

Session records its thanks to the precentors, Mrs Lynsey McKeeman, Mr Stephen Hawthorne and Mrs Barbara Gamble for raising the singing. We are also thankful to Mr Ian Groves, a member of Rathfriland who often worships with us on Sabbath evenings, who also raised the singing regularly. Session is also grateful to Miss Jessica Gamble and Mrs Hannah Dunwoody who have precented on occasion.

### **Midweek Meetings**

Prayer meetings, preceded by Scripture exposition and singing, were generally held in Brewery Lane on first and third Wednesdays each month. We also had mission update meetings from Kids4School and European Mission Fellowship (EMF). Monthly Home Groups, consisting of Bible study, prayer and fellowship, continued throughout the year with a break during the summer months and holiday times. Session is encouraged by the good number of members who offer to host home groups.

### **Fellowship Meetings**

A weekly Body and Soul meeting (Mondays), a monthly Men's Fellowship (Tuesdays), and a monthly Ladies' Fellowship (Thursdays) continue to be a source of encouragement and blessing. Session records its thanks to those members who contribute to the organisation and success of the fellowship meeting programmes.

Session also records thanks to Mr Stephen & Mrs Jennifer Hawthorne for hosting a delicious church barbecue on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June and for organising an outing to Cultra Folk Park, followed by a meal in Dromore High School, on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

### **Outreach**

#### **a) Guest Services**

A series of four guest services was held in the spring on the theme, 'The Cross in Four Words.' An average of 49 people attended these services, with an encouraging number of young people included.

Guest services resumed in the autumn on the theme, 'Have You Ever Wondered...?' Once again attendances were encouraging, with an average of 52 at the three meetings.

**b) GO Team**

In August the congregation hosted a GO Team for the first time in several years. A team of three young people, as well as several of our own members and day visitors, distributed over 3,000 invitations to worship and Hope Explored to every home in Dromore as well as outlying areas in Donaghcloney, Gamblestown and Blackskull. The team also held a time of open-air psalm singing in Dromore town centre and visited residents in Mountvale Nursing Home. Session records thanks to those who participated and to members who provided beds and meals for the week.

**c) Hope Explored**

The congregation ran Hope Explored on three consecutive Wednesdays, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> October, in a local Christian-run café, Aroma. We were delighted to welcome three guests each week. Contact continues with one man from Hope Explored and with others who attended our guest services.

**d) Mountvale Nursing Home**

Monthly Lord's Day visits, consisting of psalm-singing, Scripture reading and a short address, continued.

**e) Lunch Group**

The Thursday lunch for seniors was held several times throughout the year, with an outing to Newcastle in June; Session appreciates the work of Mrs Isabel Patterson, and the other members who serve, in coordinating the lunch group.

**f) Online Witness**

Streaming of services and publication of sermons via social media continues in an effort to promote the gospel both locally and around the world.

Session commends members who have participated, whether practically or in other ways, with our outreach efforts throughout the year.

**Other Ministries**

**a) Sabbath School & Children's Sermon Sheet**

Session appreciates the commitment of the teachers (Dr Elizabeth Ball, Dr Gareth McKeeman, Mr Stephen Hawthorne, Mrs Catherine Rankin) in preparing and teaching the lessons. Session gives thanks for the ongoing work of our superintendent, Dr Gareth McKeeman.

Session is grateful to Mr Stephen Hawthorne for preparing a worksheet and sermon notes for children to use during morning services.

**b) Adult Bible Class**

Mr Raymond Gamble continued to teach a small group on Lord's Day mornings. A video series from Ligonier on the Fear of God was completed. Session encourages more members, of all ages, to attend the weekly term-time Bible Class.

### **c) Covenanter Youth**

The Joint CY with Dromara, Lisburn and Bailiesmills continues to be a fruitful ministry for our secondary school-aged children. Session records its appreciation for the work of all the leaders.

### **Pastoral Visitation**

Session visited the majority of members and families in 2024 and will endeavour to visit all members in 2025.

### **Membership Changes**

A disjunction certificate was granted to Mrs Lynda Agnew (née Bell) in September. Session was delighted to welcome Miss Charlotte Gamble into full communicant membership upon profession of faith in December. Mrs Eilidh Gamble and Mrs Hazel Walsh also became members upon disjunction from Glasgow RP Church and Donaghcloney Presbyterian Church respectively. Session congratulates Mr Cameron & Mrs Eilidh Gamble upon their marriage in August.

### **Diaconate**

Session is thankful for the work the deacons have carried out during the year, particularly with the ongoing arrangements for Sabbath School, morning worship and guest services being held in Dromore High School. Session also thanks the deacons for seeing to the practicalities around running Hope Explored in Aroma Café.

The congregation continues to wait patiently for a response from the Council to our plans for extensive renovation of the Brewery Lane Meeting House.

Following discussion and prayer the Session and Diaconate agreed to commence ongoing support for Mr João Cid, his family and his congregation in Lousã, Portugal. Mr Cid is a missionary with EMF. It was a joy to welcome him to Dromore in December. The congregation looks forward to seeing how this 'gospel partnership' will develop, God willing.

### **Student for Gospel Ministry**

Our Clerk of Session, Mr Raymond Gamble, expressed a strong sense of call to gospel ministry to Rev. Dunwoody in June. With the support of Session Mr Gamble was taken under care of the Eastern Presbytery as a student for gospel ministry in August. Mr Gamble has completed his first term of study at Reformed Theological College, Belfast. Session, along with the congregation, remembers Mr Gamble and his family in constant prayer, mindful of the sacrifices and hard work this demands of him.

### **Conclusion**

Session gives thanks for the Lord's sustaining of our fellowship and witness throughout 2024. We pray, in the words of Colossians 1:10, that as a congregation we would *walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God...* (ESV)

Dromore Session

**Dromore Congregation of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106256

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# Accounts

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# Dromore Reformed Presbyterian Church

## Charity Account Report 2023



Charity Account Report for Dromore Reformed Presbyterian Church  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

### Charity Details

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Charity Registration Number: NIC106256

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1st Jan 2023	To	31st Dec 2023
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Collections - Freewill Offering	55,407	-	-	55,407	48,047
Collections - Repair / Building Fund	-	2,800	-	2,800	7,838
Collections - Missions	-	1,160	-	1,160	3,500
Gift Aid	10,795	-	-	10,795	11,165
Bequest Income	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest	557	-	-	557	70
Other Income	297	-	-	297	91
<b>A1 Sub total</b> (Gross income for the Annual Return)	<b>67,056</b>	<b>3,960</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>71,016</b>	<b>70,711</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>67,056</b>	<b>3,960</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>71,016</b>	<b>70,711</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Payments re Ministerial				35,071	34,429
Payments re Church building	35,071	-	-	10,193	8,318
Pulput Supply & Student Placement	-	10,193	-	1,056	3,470
Payments re Manse	1,056	-	-	4,289	2,186
Donations / Disaster Appeals	-	4,289	-	2,357	5,958
General Expenses	-	2,357	-	4,626	4,443
RP Mission and Ministry Targets	4,626	-	-	9,260	8,160
Architect / Quantity Surveror's Feesr	-	9,260	-	2,400	-
Planning Permission	-	2,400	-	13,036	-
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	-	13,036	-	-	-
	<b>40,753</b>	<b>41,535</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,288</b>	<b>66,964</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b> (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>40,753</b>	<b>41,535</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,288</b>	<b>66,964</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>26,303</b>	<b>- 37,575</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 11,272</b>	<b>3,747</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>8,076</b>	<b>152,792</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>160,868</b>	<b>157,122</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>34,379</b>	<b>115,217</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>149,596</b>	<b>160,868</b>

**Dromore Reformed Presbyterian Church**

Period end date: 31st December 2023

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash in Bank Current a/c at 31st Dec 2023	5,525	-	-	5,525	8,076
	Cash in Bank Bulding a/c at 31st Dec 2023	28,854	8,410	-	37,264	-
	Cash in Bank Savings a/c at 31st Dec 2023	-	67,629	-	67,629	67,072
	Cash in Bank Charity a/c at 31st Dec 2023	-	39,179	-	39,179	85,720
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>34,379</b>	<b>115,218</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>149,597</b>	<b>160,868</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
			<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	

Categories	Details
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	

**B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use**


**Details**

With Dromore Reformed Presbyterian Church now constituted as a formal congregation, the Trustees of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland will proceed to transfer property held on behalf of the Presbytery to the trustees appointed by the members. **Property 1.** The church premises at 14 Brewery Lane Dromore BT25 1AH . The buildings and contents have a combined insurance value of £ 560,513.00 as at 27 August 2024.

**Property 2.** The manse premises at 9 Barronstown Ct. Dromore BT25 1FB. The buildings and contents have a combined insurance value of £ 292,054.00 as at 27 August 2024.

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
		<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature  


Print Name  
 Rev Philip Dunwoody

Date of approval  
 23-Sep-24

**Dromore Congregation of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland**

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# Annual report

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# Dromore Reformed Presbyterian Church

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## DROMORE SESSION REPORT 2023

The Session acknowledges and gives all glory to God for His love, mercy, grace and ever-present help towards the congregation during another year. Psalm 23, which describes Christ's care for the flock, reminds the session to take heed to the care of the flock and stirs us to continue to seek to proclaim Christ as king in Dromore (*"See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord"* – Colossians 4:17).

The Lord has graciously enabled the congregation to share the gospel through Guest Services, Psalm singing and outreach in the town during the year. Opportunities to speak of Christ have been joyfully taken up by the congregation and Session has been delighted to receive report of repentance and faith in Christ as a result of the simplicity of preaching the gospel (1 Corinthians 1:21).

### **Session**

The Session met on 9 occasions during the year. Pastoral care and spiritual oversight of the flock has continued to be Session's priority in line with the biblical direction to watch over the flock (1 Peter 5:1–2). The spiritual needs of the congregation were prayerfully considered at Session meetings. The physical needs of the congregation were also considered in liaison with the Diaconate.

Session met in the home of Mr John Somerville on a number of occasions. Session records its appreciation of the kindness and hospitality shown by the Somervilles in making their home available.

Rev. Prof. Robert McCollum stepped down as an interim elder on the Session of the Dromore congregation. We thank Mr McCollum for his wisdom, grace and 4 years' faithful and diligent service. Session wish Mr McCollum every blessing in his continuing roles in the Reformed Theological College, Woodstock RPC and in particular his recent appointment as Interim Moderator for Trinity RPC.

### **Prayer**

At the commencement of the year, a Day of Prayer on 7<sup>th</sup> January was attended by many in the congregation, either in person or by Zoom. Session has also been encouraged by the growth in attendance at the regular prayer meetings for midweek and before Sabbath worship.

### **Worship**

The congregation meets twice each Sabbath for corporate worship. Average morning attendance in 2023 was 53, with a high of 69 and a low of 25. Average evening attendance was 35, with a high of 57 and a low of 22. Session encourages everyone, where possible, to attend morning and evening services.

### **a) Preaching**

Mr Dunwoody faithfully completed his series, preaching through Revelation and also preached in the Psalms, John, Jonah and a series of 17 sermons on Abraham. In December he commenced preaching in Matthew. In addition, Mr Dunwoody has begun systematically

reading through the book of Exodus. Session notes and records its thankfulness on behalf of the congregation for the diligent, prayerful preparation made by our minister in the preaching of the Word. Mr Dunwoody took 3 pulpit supplies, had one pulpit exchange and took 6 weeks of holiday.

#### **b) Sacraments**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed on 4 occasions during the year (12<sup>th</sup> March, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 10<sup>th</sup> September and 10<sup>th</sup> December). An average of 32 members partook of the Sacrament, a slight increase from 30 in 2022. Communion Preparation Services were held on each preceding Friday evening.

#### **c) Psalmody**

Session records its thanks to the Precentors, Mrs Lynsey McKeeman, Mr Stephen Hawthorne and Mrs Barbara Gamble for their ongoing work. Session was encouraged to note the time of Psalm singing on the last Sabbath of the year.

#### **Midweek Meetings**

Midweek meetings were held on Wednesday evenings. Bible Study and prayer times were held in Brewery Lane on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays.

Home Groups continued throughout the year with a break during the summer months and holiday seasons. Again, these meetings have provided opportunity for biblical discussion, prayer and fellowship. Hospitality from hosts has been much appreciated.

#### **Fellowship Meetings**

A weekly Body and Soul meeting (Mondays), a monthly Men's Fellowship (Tuesdays), and a monthly Ladies' Fellowship (Thursdays) continue to be a source of encouragement and blessing. Session records its thanks to those members who contribute to the organisation and success of the fellowship meeting programmes.

#### **Church Weekend**

A church weekend was held in September and Rev. Peter Loughridge from North Edinburgh RPC preached a series of sermons on "Ordinary Heroes" recorded in the scriptures. The weekend activities were held in Dromore High School. Session records its thanks to the members involved in the planning, preparation and delivery of the weekend.

#### **Church Outing**

The congregation met at Kilbroney Park at the end of June for a time of informal fellowship and barbecue for the church and friends. Session records its thanks to the Diaconate for making the necessary arrangements.

#### **Outreach**

Guest services were held on 4 occasions with an encouraging attendance, particularly of young people. A 3-night mission was also held in August and an evening of Psalm singing was held with visitors from various denominations, travelling from many areas.

#### **a) Black Saturday**

A bookstall was held at the Black Saturday in Dromore in August and books supplied by the Covenanter Book Shop were sold in the demonstration field. Session records its thanks to the Bookshop for its assistance. In addition, copies of the tract "What is a Protestant?" by Rev. David Silversides were distributed by members of the congregation. Session is grateful to Rev. Joey Dunlap for his support and to the members of the Loughbrickland RPC congregation who also attended and helped with the tract distribution.

#### **b) Literature Distribution**

In August, invitations and scripture tracts were distributed to each home throughout the town. Session appreciates the help of members of the congregation in this outreach ministry.

#### **c) Streaming Ministry**

Sermons continue to be streamed each week via YouTube and are listened to by many beyond the bounds of the congregation. Session has once again been encouraged to hear of people benefiting and being blessed through this ministry. Session appreciates all who help with streaming and controlling the PA system.

#### **d) Monthly Lunch**

The Lunch Group continued in 2023 with good attendance and good support from members of the congregation. Session records its thanks for the work of Mrs Isabel Patterson supported by other members who faithfully support this work in coordinating this event for the seniors in the congregation and for other others in the community.

#### **e) Nursing Home Outreach**

A new ministry commenced in Mountvale Nursing Home, consisting of Mr Dunwoody and a group of members from the congregation attending the home, monthly on Sabbath afternoons for a bible reading, exposition, prayer and psalm singing. This has been well received, particularly from elderly believers who relish the opportunity for worship and fellowship.

#### **Monthly Supper**

Session thanks all those who help in the preparation and serving of the monthly supper after evening worship.

#### **Instruction of the Young**

##### **a) Sabbath School**

Session appreciates the commitment of the teachers (Dr Elizabeth Ball, Mr Stephen Hawthorne, Mrs Catherine Rankin) in preparing and teaching the lessons, the supervision and direction given by the superintendent, Dr Gareth McKeeman, in all aspects of the Sabbath School.

## **b) Adult Bible Class**

This class is led by Raymond Gamble. The class is regularly attended by a number of young adults, although all are welcome. The class has been given an overview of the teaching of each book of the Bible and the Westminster Standards (currently the Larger Catechism).

## **Covenanter Youth**

The Joint CY, which is comprised of young people from our congregation, Dromara, Lisburn and Bailiesmills, met monthly throughout the year with up to 30 young people in attendance. The Session records its appreciation of the work of our minister, his wife, Hannah and Mrs Lynda Agnew in this regard, along with the work of the leaders from the other congregations.

## **Arrows**

The primary school-aged children continue to meet monthly throughout the year for family outings. Session records its thanks to Mrs Ruth Silversides for her work in organising these times.

## **Pastoral Visitation**

Session sought to visit all members and families during the year. Pastoral visitation will resume in early 2024.

## **Membership Changes**

It is with sadness that session records the death of Mrs Joyce Frazer 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Joyce was a wonderful godly lady and was a faithful member and is greatly missed.

Mr Neville and Mrs Jane Dawson joined Beeston Free Church near Nottingham.

In December, Miss Lynda Bell married Mr David Agnew. Session extends its congratulations to the couple, praying that they may know God's blessing as they start their new life together.

## **Diaconate**

The Session are thankful for the work the Deacons have carried out during the year. The diaconate has not only continued to ensure that the church's property is maintained, but they have also continued to balance the use of both Brewery Lane and the High School with all the practical implications of using two sites for worship.

Having spent considerable time prayerfully considering what is the best accommodation option to support our desire to see Christ's kingdom extended, the Diaconate concluded that providentially, the best option currently available to the congregation is the redevelopment of the existing Brewery Lane site.

At a congregational meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> June, plans for a renovation of the building at Brewery Lane were recommended to the congregation. Members were invited to comment on the proposal before a closed ballot took place. Session was pleased to note 25 out of 27 members voted "Yes" to the proposal.

In addition, a significant amount of work has been done in relation to applying for planning permission to renovate and extend the building at Brewery Lane to accommodate the needs of the present and, Lord willing, future congregation.

### **Conclusion**

Session has been encouraged to see the growth in grace of Christ's people during the past year. Session encourages all to be constant and fervent in prayer, to continue to rejoice in the LORD and above all to love one another.

*Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honour. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality – Romans 12: 9-13*

Mr Raymond Gamble (Clerk of Session)

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# Annual return

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## **Independent Examiner's report to the Charity Trustees of Dromore Reformed Presbyterian Church**

I report on the accounts of Dromore Reformed Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31 December 2023

### **Respective responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Examiner**

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with The Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act.
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under Section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- 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 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 given me cause to believe:

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

### **Independent Examiner's statement**

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

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Name: William McCollum FCA  
**Chartered Accountant**

Relevant professional qualification or body: Fellow of Chartered Accountants Ireland

Address: 74 Crosskennan Road, Antrim, BT41 2RG