

Bailiesmills Reformed Presbyterian Church

Northern Ireland · Charity number 106316

Details

Status Received

Registered 2017-02-07

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

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Activities

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

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£47,207	£47,206	£0	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Joseph Watson		
Rev John Watterson		

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Accounts

Receipts & Payments Account, Year Ended 31st December 2024

RECEIPTS

PAYMENTS

Balance c/f 31/12/2023	£ 7,646.74		Payments to Minister		
Freewill Offering	£16,650.00		Salary	£29,400.00	
Weekly Collections	£ 3,336.20		Minister's Pension	£ 2,940.00	
Gift Aid Refund 2023/2024	£ 5,057.50		Housing Allowance	£ 7,056.00	
Gift Aid Small Donations 2023/2024	£ 823.43	£25,867.13	Minister's Conference	£ 220.00	£39,616.00
From Davy Investment	£ 9,500.00		Pulpit Supplies	£ 331.00	£ 331.00
From Manse Investment	£ 5,000.00	£14,500.00	Other Payments		
RP Missions	£ 1,640.00		RP Missions	£ 1,640.00	
Ministry	£ 1,550.00	£3,190.00	Ministry	£ 1,550.00	£3,190.00
			Church Expenses		
Special Collections			Electricity	£1,464.40	
IMJP	£ 361.00		Insurance	£ 748.34	
Eliz. Edwards Mission Work	£ 155.00	£516.00	NI Water	£ 378.48	£2,591.22
Other Income			Gifts to Missions		
Trustees RPC	£ 1,355.00		IMJP	£ 361.00	
Derek Malcolmson Annual Legacy	£ 1,500.00		IMJP Travel Expenses	£ 100.00	
Burial Fee- Barbara Jones	£ 150.00		Eliz. Edwards Mission Work	£ 155.00	£616.00
Headstone Fee			Other Expenses		
Rev. G McEwen	£ 30.00		Bible Notes	£ 23.00	
Mrs E Anderson	£ 30.00		4 copies of Romans	£ 41.96	
Gift- Iris Scott	£ 40.00		RPC Women's Fellowship	£ 30.00	
Bible Notes	£ 23.00		Chubb Servicing	£ 193.58	
Bank Interest	£ 6.09	£3,134.09	Petrol for Mower	£ 26.98	
			Cleaning Materials	£ 58.43	
			Stationery	£ 53.90	
			Synod Meals	£ 64.00	
			Fin Reports / Clerk's Fee	£ 101.50	
			Food-YC	£ 53.81	
			Synod Reports	£ 21.00	
			Gifts for Elderly Members	£ 24.00	
			Bank Fees	£ 89.86	
			Accountant's Fee	£ 80.00	£862.02
			Balance at 31/12/2024	£7,647.72	
TOTAL	£54,853.96		TOTAL	£54,853.96	

M. Prall (Treasurer)

Examined & found correct: Mr. J. Watson

Freewill Offerings for 2024

No.	F.W.O.	Synodical	Missions	Building Fund	TOTALS	Gift Aid 2023-24
1	£1272.00				£1272.00	£331.25
2	£1060.00				£1060.00	
3	£1273.00				£1273.00	£331.25
4	£1000.00				£1000.00	£300.00
7	£1040.00				£1040.00	£260.00
10	£ 580.00	£50.00	£50.00	-	£ 680.00	£1410.00
12	£1345.00	£480.00	£480.00	£480.00	£2785.00	£ 657.50
14	£540.00		£ 30.00	-	£570.00	
15	£3040.00	£360.00	£360.00		£3760.00	£870.00
16	£2900.00	£180.00	£240.00	£180.00	£3500.00	
20	£2600.00	£360.00	£360.00	£360.00	£3680.00	£897.50
Anonymous		£120.00	£120.00		£240.00	
TOTALS	£16,650.00	£1550.00	£1640.00	£1020.00	£20,860.00	£5,057.50

M. Prall (Treasurer)

Examined & found correct: Mr. J. Watson

Manse Investment Account 2024

INCOME

EXPENDITURE

Balance c/f 31/12/2023	£11,343.36	To current account	£5,000.00
Interest	£125.06	Balance at 31/12/2024	£6,468.42
TOTALS	£11,468.42		£11,468.42

M. Prall (Treasurer)

Examined & found correct: Mr. J. Watson

Davy Investment Account 2024

INCOME

EXPENDITURE

Balance c/f 31/12/2023	£133,674.23	Withdrawals	£9,500.00
Contributions	£0	Charges and Fees	£1,127.63
Change in market value	£10,559.18	Balance 31/12/2024	£133,605.78
TOTALS	£144,233.41		£144,233.41

Examined & found correct: J. Watson

Building Fund Account 2024

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Balance carried forward 31/12/2023	£17,775.21	Kirk Electrical	£3,000.00
Monthly Collections	£1,020.00	James Maze Joinery	£20,587.00
Gifts for renovation of church hall: £100; £200; £5,000; £10,0000	£15,300.00	Painting Hall Exterior	£480.00
Donations in memory of late Mrs Barbara Jones	£2,272.82	Yarrum Plumbing	£108.00
Bank Interest	£207.95		
		Balance as at 31/12/2024	£12,400.98
Totals	£36,575.98		£36,575.98

M. Prall (Treasurer) Examined & found correct: Mr. J. Watson

Sabbath School Account 2024

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Balance 31/12/2023	£201.30		
Weekly Collections	£0.00		
Bank Interest	£3.35	Balance 31/12/2024	£204.65
Total	£204.65	Total	£204.65

M. Prall (Treasurer) Examined & found correct: Mr. J. Watson

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Receipts & Payments Account, Year Ended 31st December 2023

RECEIPTS

PAYMENTS

Balance C/F from 31/12/2022	£3,474.81	<u>Payments to Minister</u>		
Freewill Offering	£17,994.00	Salary	£27,999.96	
Weekly Collections	£3,554.70	Housing allowance	£6,720.00	
From Davy Investment	£6,000.00	Minister's Pension	£2,799.96	
From Manse Investment	£10,000.00	Pulpit Supplies	£708.00	
Gift Aid Refund 2022/2023	£4,411.50	BT Rental	£277.20	
Gift Aid Small Donations 21/22	£673.30	Ministers' conference	£200.00	£38,705.12
Gift Aid Small Donations 22/23	£847.01			
Synodical Collections	£1,840.00	Synodical Fund	£1,840.00	
RP Missions	£1,765.00	RP Missions	£1,765.00	£3,605.00
		<u>Church Expenses</u>		
		Electricity	£1,597.18	
		Insurance	£688.11	
		NI Water	£346.30	£2,631.59
		<u>Gifts to Missions</u>		
Trustees RP Church	£26.00	Int. Mission to Jewish P.	£360.00	
Bible Notes	£20.00	IMJP Travel Expenses	£100.00	
Int. Mission to Jewish People	£360.00	Every Home Crusade	£315.00	
Every Home Crusade	£315.00	Turkey Earthquake App.	£1,270.00	£2,045.00
Turkey Earthquake Appeal	£1,270.00	<u>Other Expenses</u>		
Annual income Derek Malcolmson Legacy	£1500.00	Bible Notes	£20.00	
Burial Fees	£700.00	Women's Fellowship	£20.00	
Headstone Fee (J. Martin)	£30.00	Lawn Mower Servicing	£70.54	
Power NI Winter Fuel Payment	£600.00	Sam Robinson Printing	£69.60	
Donation, J&A Bird	£100.00	Chubb Servicing	£108.00	
N. McMullen	£35.00	Petrol for Lawn Mower	£30.64	
Bank Interest	£5.10	Cleaning Materials	£57.22	
		Fin. Reps/Clerk's Fee	£102.50	
		Gifts for elderly members	£18.75	
		Bank Fees	£97.96	
		Accountant's Fee	£80.00	
		Food for Youth Club	£77.96	
		Synod Reports	£21.00	
		Synod Meals	£113.80	£887.97
		Balance 31/12/23		£7,646.74
TOTAL	£55,521.42	TOTAL		£55,521.42

M. Prall (Treasurer)

Examined & found correct: Mr J. Watson

Freewill Offerings for 2023

No.	F.W.O.	Synodical	Missions	Building Fund	TOTALS	Gift Aid 2022-23
1	£1,259.50	£130.00	£50.00		£1,439.50	£310.25
2	£1,200.00				£1,200.00	
3	£1,259.50	£130.00	£50.00		£1,439.50	£306.25
4	£1,850.00	£120.00	£120.00		£2,090.00	£840.00
7	£1,040.00				£1,040.00	£227.50
10	£560.00	£50.00	£50.00		£660.00	£135.00
12	£1,325.00	£480.00	£480.00	£480.00	£2,765.00	£488.75
14	£530.00		£30.00		£560.00	
15	£3,220.00	£270.00	£270.00		£3,760.00	£987.50
16	£2,720.00	£180.00	£235.00	£185.00	£3,320.00	
19	£380.00				£380.00	
20	£2,650.00	£360.00	£360.00	£360.00	£3,730.00	£1,116.25
Anonymous		£120.00	£120.00		£240.00	
TOTAL	£17,994.00	£1,840.00	£1,765.00	£1,025.00	£22,624.00	£4,411.50

M. Prall (Treasurer)

Examined & found correct: Mr J. Watson

Manse Investment Account 2023

INCOME

EXPENDITURE

Balance c/f 31/12/2022	£21,159.90	To current account	£10,000.00
Interest	£183.46	Balance at 31/12/2023	£11,343.36
TOTALS	£21,343.36		£21,343.36

M. Prall (Treasurer)

Examined & found correct: Mr J. Watson

Davy Investment Account 2023

INCOME

EXPENDITURE

Balance c/f 31/12/2022	£131,062.48	Withdrawals	£6,000.00
Contributions	£0	Charges and Fees	£1138.41
Change in market value	£9,750.16	Balance 31/12/2023	£133,674.23
TOTALS	£140,812.64		£140,812.64

Rev J. Watterson (Trustee) Examined & found correct: Mr J. Watson

Building Fund Account 2023

INCOME

EXPENDITURE

Balance carried forward 31/12/2022	£18,301.68	Kirk Electrical	£216.00
Monthly Collections	£1,025.00	McKelvey Asbestos	£1,554/00
Bank Interest	£218.53		
		Balance as at 31/12/2023	£17,775.21
Totals	£19,545.21		£19,545.21

M. Prall (Treasurer) Examined & found correct: Mr J. Watson

Sabbath School Account 2023

INCOME

EXPENDITURE

Balance 31/12/2022	£198.82		
Weekly Collections	£0.00		
Bank Interest	£2.48	Balance 31/12/2023	£201.30
Total	£201.30	Total	£201.30

M. Prall (Treasurer) Examined & found correct: Mr J. Watson

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Annual report

Session Report 2023

Introduction

As the year 2023 comes to a close we as a congregation can praise Almighty God for His upholding hand keeping and sustaining us all throughout the past year. "It is good to give thanks to the Lord" Psalm 92:1. During the year there were a number of changes to the congregation, members were saddened by the deaths of Mrs Connie Martin, Mrs Aileen Malcolmsen and Mrs Minnie McKibbin, widows who had been unable to attend worship for some time. As a congregation we express our sympathy and pray for God's grace and compassion to be upon their families and as a congregation we feel the loss of these members. The year 2023 was one in which several members of the congregation continued to experience ill health and two of our young adults left us for further educational opportunities. However we can thank God that through the year we have continued to hold worship services, morning and evening on each Lord's Day.

Work of the Session

Session continue to carry out their duties and appreciate the assistance provided by Mr Harold Kerr an interim elder from the Dromara congregation. Session met on five occasions during the year in its role of congregational oversight and pastoral care. Session was also constituted on three occasions, in January, May and October for the communion seasons. During the year pastoral visitation of the congregation continued with the elder and the Minister visiting homes. Rev. Watterson and his wife regularly visit our elderly members who are confined to their homes, nursing home and those who from time to time are admitted to hospital.

Rev. Watterson and Mr Joe Watson continued to represent the congregation at the Presbytery and Synod Meetings held throughout the year. Mr Watson serves on the Synod Congregational Aid Fund Committee, and assists the Synod Board of Trustees in the oversight of the graveyard at Ballymacashen. Both Mr Watson and Rev. Watterson are members of the Eastern Presbytery Student Oversight Committee.

Work of the Minister

The Session is grateful to our minister Rev. Watterson for his continuing faithful exposition of the Holy Scriptures. During the past year in morning worship he completed preaching through 2 Corinthians and began a series from Leviticus which has continued into the book of Numbers. Evening worship continues with preaching through the Westminster Confession of Faith, and helpful notes are provided for this series. On the first Lord's Day evening of each month Rev. Watterson preaches a Psalm exposition. Rev. Watterson leads the mid-week Prayer and Bible Study and prior to morning worship the Adult Bible Class for which he provides informative notes.

Rev. Watterson continues to represent Synod on the Council of the International Mission to Jewish People. He also serves on the General Benevolent Fund Committee and the French sub-section of the Overseas Section of the Mission Committee.

He continues as a lecturer in the Reformed Theological College teaching Hebrew to the students. He also had opportunity in 2023 to conduct morning assembly to the children in Anahilt Primary School. He has also delivered a short course on the Psalms for the Cornhill Training Programme in Belfast.

Throughout the year Rev. Watterson had opportunity to conduct worship in a number of our other Congregations including some that are vacant. These congregations included Dromore, Galway, Kilraughts, Limavady, Limerick, and Trinity.

Congregation

As a Session we continue to remember all our members, young and old before the Throne of Grace. Three of our elderly members through frailty and weakness are no longer able to attend worship services. The Session are encouraged by the regular weekly attendance of the young people connected

to the congregation and pray that they each will continue to grow in their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Since the autumn two of our young adults, Miss Lydia Watterson and Miss Grace Bajko have been greatly missed by the congregation. Lydia has taken up studies at Edinburgh University and Grace is on a year-out-work experience in New Zealand. However it is encouraging to learn that they both have joined themselves to Churches where they continue to receive Christian teaching and fellowship.

As a congregation we have been encouraged by visitors attending some of our morning and evening services during the year and it is our prayer that God would be pleased to enlarge us with new families.

Sacraments

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was held on three occasions: 15th January 2023, entitled 'The Seven Feasts of Leviticus', Leviticus chapter 23; 14th May 2023, entitled 'The King in Isaiah', Isaiah chapters 6, 9, 32, 33; and 15 October 2023, entitled 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever', Hebrews chapter 13.

Adult Bible Class

The Adult Bible Class, led by Rev. Watterson, meets weekly prior to the morning service, with adults and young people attending on a regular basis. The topic for the year was 'Read Scripture'. Rev. Watterson provides helpful study notes to encourage familiarity with the Old Testament Scriptures. On the first Sabbath of each month the class takes the form of a missionary prayer meeting praying for mission work at home and abroad. Session continues to be encouraged by the members' participation in prayer.

Prayer, Bible Study, Women's Fellowship

The evening service is preceded by a short prayer meeting attended by up to seven persons.

The Wednesday evening Midweek Meeting is attended by eight adults. The format is a short Bible study and a time for prayer. The studies are taken turn-about by Rev. Watterson and Mr Watson. Rev. Watterson has been reading through John's Gospel chapters 13-21, initially making use of Sinclair Ferguson's book 'Lessons from the Upper Room'. More recently he has begun studies in 2 Timothy chapter 3. Mr Joe Watson leads a study on the Tabernacle on alternate weeks. These meetings are spiritually encouraging and a spirit of prayer is evident among those who attend with prayer offered not only for our own denomination but also for International ministries beyond it including the Persecuted Church.

Members of the Women's Fellowship have had opportunity to meet on a number of occasions during the year enjoying fellowship and activities together. In June Mrs Watterson stepped down from the Woman's Fellowship Central Committee and the Synod Mission Committee, Irish Section.

Session thanks the ladies of the congregation who in August hosted a farewell lunch after morning worship for Lydia and Grace who were leaving for further education. A very tasty meal was enjoyed by the members of the congregation.

Outreach

A monthly youth club meeting for our young people and others from outside the congregation continues. Our own young people have also been attending a monthly joint CY, combining with young people from the Dromara, Dromore and Lisburn congregations. Our young people also attend the monthly meetings of the Eastern Presbytery CY. Session is pleased with their attendance at these meetings.

Two young people, Lydia Watterson and Abel Bajko, attended and benefitted from the Senior Camp in July. Lydia also attended camp reunion in February.

Missionary Interest

The workers and work of Mission and Evangelism both at home and abroad is continually brought before the congregation with intercessory prayer offered from the pulpit, and in other settings and meetings. We hosted a deputation meeting in October, and the speaker Mr Asaf Pelled a missionary with International Mission to Jewish People gave a discourse on 'The Gospel in the Feast of Tabernacles', one of the Old Testament Jewish Feasts. Invitations were distributed in the Anahilt area and to the local Churches, and the meeting was very well attended by many visitors from the district and was of great interest to those who attended. Session notes that there continues to be a deep prayerful interest by our members in the work of Mission at home and abroad. Lydia Watterson spent a week working with Gospel Literature Outreach in Prague, Czech Republic, in August.

Congregational Committee

The Session is thankful to God for the conscientious work of the Congregational Committee throughout the year. We appreciate those who ensure that we meet for worship in warm, comfortable and safe surroundings. We are grateful to our Treasurer for the careful administration of our finances.

The Committee are currently considering maintenance and repair work to the Church Hall, and it is hoped that this work will be carried out early in the New Year.

The Session also recognise that the exterior grounds and graveyard are also maintained in a neat and tidy condition and are thankful to all those involved in this work.

Exhortation

It is very commendable that the congregation has again met the various financial targets for the year set by Synod. Session thank the members for their continued generous financial support and also for their generous support of other missions and appeals.

The Session also thanks those members who as magazine agents carry out this useful service on behalf of the congregation. We are also thankful for our precentor who leads us in our praise and those involved in the work of the youth club meetings.

Session commends our members for their attendance, faithfulness and loyalty to the ministry and work in Bailiesmills.

As we enter another New Year it is the prayer of Session that all our members will be built up in their faith and continue to know and exhibit God's blessing in their lives day by day. "...my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:58

Joe Watson

Clerk of Session

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Annual return

Bailiesmills Reformed Presbyterian Church

Examiner's Report

2023

The following financial reports for Bailiesmills Reformed Presbyterian Church for financial year January to December 2023 were examined and found to be correct.

- Receipts & Payments Account
- Free Will Offering
- Manse Investment Account
- Davy Investment Account
- Building Fund Account
- Sabbath School Account

J. Watson

Bailiesmills Reformed Presbyterian Church

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Receipts & Payments Account for the Year Ended 31st December 2018

RECEIPTS

PAYMENTS

Balance C/F from 2017	£11,128.12	<u>Payments to Minister</u>		
		Salary	£25,560.00	
Freewill Offering	£21,012.00	Housing allowance	£6,134.40	
Weekly Collections	£1,774.95	Minister's Pension	£2,556.00	
From Investment Account	£6,000.00	BT Line Rental	£219.84	
Transfer from Building Fund	£2,157.00	University Fees	£2,157.00	
CAF	£7,029.00	Pulpit Supplies	£302.00	
HMRC Gift Aid – 2016/2017	£5422.29	Conference Expenses	£85.00	£37,014.24
HMRC Gift Aid – 2017/2018	£5601.00			
		<u>Church Expenses</u>		
		Electricity	£1,047.25	
		Insurance	£503.06	
		N.I. Water	£329.69	
		Bank Fees	£125.48	£2,005.48
<u>Synodical Collections</u>	£1,952.00	<u>Synodical Collections</u>	£1,952.00	
<u>RP Missions</u>	£1,780.00	<u>RP Missions</u>	£1,780.00	£3,732.00
		<u>General Expenses</u>		
<u>Other Income</u>		CEF Materials	£29.90	
Gifts for Bible Club	£110.00	R Graham (Ukraine)	£100.00	
Trustees R.P. Church	£39.00	Gifts	£140.00	
ECPY weekend catering	£300.00	Bank overdraft fee	£50.00	
Bible Notes	£53.00	Chubb (fire exting service)	£139.20	
Burial Fees	£500.00	Financial reports	£104.52	
Collection EMF	£110.00	Petrol for lawnmower	£11.11	

HMRC Tax Refund	£952.71	Stationery	£48.95	
		Cleaning mats/sundries	£50.52	
		Table tennis table	£329.99	
		Bible notes	£52.48	
		FWO envelopes 2019	£102.00	
		Light bulbs	£54.60	
		S Robinson printing	£133.00	
		Synod meals	£40.00	
		Bible Club expenses	£56.83	
		Sabbath School prizes	£80.00	
		Accountant's fee	£80.00	
		EMF	£110.00	
		Elec. adaptor and cable	£8.49	
		RP Women's Fellowship	£20.00	
		Minutes of Synod	£24.00	
		New pew Bibles	£280.00	
		EPCY weekend catering	£162.52	
		Mats for foyer	£120.00	£2,328.11
			£45,079.83	
		Balance at 31/12/18	£20,841.24	
TOTAL	£65,921.07	TOTAL	£65,921.07	

Examined and found correct: I. McAreavy Signed: M. Prall(Treasurer)

Freewill Offerings for 2018

No.	F.W.O.	Synodical	Missions	Building Fund	TOTALS
1	£1300.00	£109.00	£70.00		£1479.00
2	£520.00				£520.00
3	£1300.00	£103.00	£60.00		£1463.00
4	£2560.00	£240.00	£240.00		£3040.00
5	£115.00				£115.00
6	£1010.00	£25.00	£25.00		£1060.00
7	£570.00				£570.00
8	£20.00				£20.00
9	£290.00				£290.00
10	£410.00	£50.00	£10.00	£50.00	£520.00
11	£1200.00	£120.00	£120.00	£120.00	£1560.00
12	£1200.00	£360.00	£360.00	£360.00	£2280.00
13	£400.00				£400.00
14	£427.00	£60.00	£50.00		£537.00
15	£3120.00	£315.00	£225.00		£3660.00
16	£1790.00	£240.00	£280.00	£180.00	£2490.00
17	£250.00				£250.00
19	£530.00				£530.00
20	£4000.00	£240.00	£240.00	£240.00	£4720.00
Misc		£90.00	£100.00		£190.00
Totals	£21,012.00	£1,952.00	£1,780.00	£950.00	£25,694.00

M. Prall (Treasurer) Examined and found correct: I McAreavy

Manse Investment Account 2018

INCOME

EXPENDITURE

Balance c/f 31/12/2017	£50,807.13		
Interest	£161.01	Balance at 31/12/2018	£50,968.14
TOTALS	£50,968.14		£50,968.14

M. Prall (Treasurer) Examined & found correct :I McAreavy

Davy Investment Account 2018

INCOME

EXPENDITURE

Balance c/f 31/12/2017	£127,416.14	Fees (Jan-March 2018)	£376.37
Contributions (Jan-March 2018)	£1,003.72	Withdrawals (Jan-March 2018)	£1,500.00
Change in market value (Jan-March 2018)	-£5,476.07	Fees (April-June 2018)	£368.76
Contributions (April-June 2018)	£1,057.82	Withdrawals (April-June 2018)	£1,500.00
Change in market value (April-June 2018)	£2,922.42	Fees (July-Sept 2018)	£366.13
Contributions (July-September 2018)	£1,261.22	Withdrawals (July-Sept 2018)	£1,500.00
Change in market value (July-September 2018)	-£170.98	Fees (Sept-Dec 2018)	£368.68
Contributions (Sept-December 2018)	£1,129.00	Withdrawals (Sept-Dec 2018)	£1,500.00
Change in market value (Sept-December 2018)	-£6,563.07	Balance c/f 31/12/2018	£115,100.26
TOTALS	£122,580.20		£122,580.20

D. Malcolmson (Trustee)

Examined & found correct :I. McAreavy

Building Fund Account 2018

INCOME

EXPENDITURE

Balance carried forward 31/12/2017	£18,419.52	Northern Tree Services	£1,080.00
Monthly Collections	£950.00	Outdoor Lights/Church	£573.60
Bank Interest	£28.25	To Current Account	£2,157.00
		Balance as at 31/12/2018	£15,587.17
Totals	£19,397.77		£19,397.77

M. Prall(Treasurer)

Examined & found correct: I McAreavy

Sabbath School Account 2018

INCOME

EXPENDITURE

Balance 31/12/2017	£474.74		
Weekly Collections	£107.17		
Bank Interest	£0.82	Balance 31/12/2018	£582.73
Total	£582.73	Total	£582.73

M. Prall (Treasurer)

Examined & found correct: I McAreavy

Bailiesmills Reformed Presbyterian Church

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106316

Annual report

Session Report 2018

Work of the Session

We can look back on the year 2018 and truly say that we are "... satisfied with favour and full of the blessing of the LORD." Deuteronomy 33: 23.

Session met on five occasions during the year in its role of congregational oversight and pastoral care. On each occasion prayer was offered for the families, members and ministries of the congregation. Session was also constituted for the three annual communion seasons.

Session continues to carry out pastoral visitation on an ongoing rota ensuring that each family is visited at least once a year. The Reverend Watterson, his wife and the elders continue to be attentive to our more elderly members and those confined to their homes who receive more regular visits.

Members of Session continue to represent the congregation at Presbytery and Synod Meetings.

Work of the Minister

The Rev. Watterson continues to faithfully carry out all his duties and responsibilities. During the year preaching topics included Genesis Chapters 1-11; Colossians, Philemon and Genesis Chapters 12 – 25. Evening services on the first Sabbath of each month took the form of Psalm expositions while on the third Sabbath evening guest services the "I Am" sayings of Jesus were preached. Sermons are made available on the Church web site.

We are pleased that The Rev. Watterson continues to have opportunity of speaking to the children in Anahilt Primary School once a month throughout the year.

Mr. Watterson also continues to lead the mid-week Bible Study, Sabbath School, Adult Bible Class, the Bible Club and the Youth Club.

He is a member of the Public Morals Committee and represents the Denomination on the Council of Christian Witness to Israel.

Congregation

During the past year a number of our members suffered family bereavement. For others the past year has brought health issues. We are thankful to God for the faithfulness of several members who despite such difficulties attend the times of Worship. As a Session we continue to remember them before the Throne of Grace.

Session commends the Committee members for their diligence and care in the temporal affairs of the congregation including property, grounds and finances. We are thankful for the service of many of our members, including agents for magazines, secretaries, precentor, Church cleaning and those who perform vestibule duties.

Sacraments

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was held on three occasions, with an average attendance of twenty two persons. Topics for the Communion seasons included "Who is the Person they Crucified?" John's Gospel Chapters 19 and 20; "Hope through Suffering" Romans Chapters 5 to 8; "In the Meadows I will not Lack Anything" Psalm 23.

Adult Bible Class

The Adult Bible Class led by Reverend Watterson meets weekly prior to the morning service. It is well attended with around ten adults and young people attending on a regular basis. Topics included an in-depth study of the 'Protestant Reformation' and 'Creation Apologetics'. On the first Sabbath of each month the class takes the form of a missionary prayer meeting for mission work at home and abroad.

Sabbath School

Currently the class size is six and Session prays that God will increase this work. The Reverend Watterson leads the children in singing portions of the Psalms and in teaching Scripture verses and the Catechism, after which the children disperse into their classes. We continue to be thankful to God for the children and for the work and diligence of our Sabbath School teachers.

Prayer, Bible Study, Fellowship

A Thursday evening Midweek Meeting is held and is attended by up to nine adults. This takes the form of a bible study and a time for prayer. This year a study of the Ten Commandments was completed and a new topic 'Paul and the Person of Christ' is continuing.

Session is thankful for the preparation and compiling of Prayer Topics prepared on a monthly basis for congregational use. This continues to be a useful resource especially for our housebound members.

Members of the Women's Fellowship have been invited to attend several ladies meetings in other local congregations of our denomination and beyond.

Outreach

The monthly Sabbath evening Guest Services continue throughout the year and it is encouraging that a number of visitors attend these meetings.

Winter and Summer Bible Clubs continue throughout the year with up to forty children in attendance. These meetings are a great encouragement to Session and they are thankful to God for the many children who attend and also for all the leaders and helpers who take responsibility for this work, several of whom are from outside the congregation.

A Youth Club is also held on Saturday evenings for teenagers. This also is well attended by about sixteen young people who enjoy fun, food and fellowship together.

Missionary Interest

The work of Mission both at home and abroad is constantly brought before the congregation with intercessory prayer regularly offered from the pulpit. The Thursday evening meetings have in the past year included speakers from European Mission Fellowship and Christian Witness to Israel. These meetings have been informative and inspiring as we heard of God at work in other parts of His world among other peoples.

The Session is very thankful for God's presence and power among us, and we pray that God will continue to bless, enlarge and use us in the work of His Kingdom. As we enter the year 2019 we look forward to God's continuing blessing and gracious guidance in our lives as individuals and as a congregation.

Joe Watson

Clerk of Session

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Annual return

Bailiesmills Reformed Presbyterian Church

Examiner's Report

2018

The following financial reports for Bailiesmills Reformed Presbyterian Church for financial year January – December 2018 were examined and found to be correct.

- Receipts & Payments Account
- Free Will Offering
- Manse Investment Account
- Davy Investment Account
- Building Fund Account
- Sabbath School Account

I. McAreavy