

Ballyclare Reformed Presbyterian Church

Northern Ireland · Charity number 106337

Details

Status Received

Registered 2017-02-10

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: Counselling/support, Religious activities, Volunteer development, Youth development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Men, Older people, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£138,310	£88,592	£0	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Alan Blackwell		
Mr George Wright		
Mr Jonathan Stewart		
Mr Keith Mckeeman		
Mr Steven Bell		
Mr Thomas Ferguson		
Rev Nathan Hawthorne		

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REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Financial Statements 2024

Financial Statements (including Statement of Assets and Liabilities for Ballyclare Reformed Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31st December 2024.

Charity Details

Ballyclare Reformed Presbyterian Church
Ballycorr Road
Ballyclare
County Antrim
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Charity Registration Number: NIC106337

Charity Trustees

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Mr George Wright

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Minister	Rev Nathan Hawthorne
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Treasurer	Mr Andrew Morrison
Congregational Secretary	Mr Richard Chestnutt

Independent examiner

Mr William McCollum



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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Collections	72,250	-	-	72,250	71,421
Collections - RP Mission and Ministry	-	34	-	34	74
Collections - Building Fund	-	26,518	-	26,518	25,149
Collections - Mission	-	1,060	-	1,060	1,360
Donations - EMF, Bulgaria	-	-	-	-	1,004
Ground rent	20	-	-	20	240
Bequest Income	1,250	-	-	1,250	604
Gift Aid	17,239	6,516	-	23,755	21,357
Bank Interest	15	12,852	-	12,868	1,629
Bequest	-	-	-	-	25,000
Women's Fellowship - Income	-	555	-	555	265
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	90,775	47,535	-	138,310	148,104
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	90,775	47,535	-	138,310	148,104
A3 Payments					
Payments re Minister	38,876	-	-	38,876	37,077
Payments re Church and manse	11,957	5,549	-	17,506	22,210
Payments re Ministry and Outreach	6,474	-	-	6,474	7,637
General Expenses	1,014	38	-	1,052	1,646
RP Mission and Ministry	11,906	34	-	11,940	13,460
Missions	11,054	1,060	-	12,114	7,985
Women's Fellowship Payments	-	632	-	632	240
EMF - Bulgaria	-	-	-	-	1,174
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	81,280	7,313	-	88,592	91,430
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	81,280	7,313	-	88,592	91,430
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,495	40,223	-	49,718	56,674
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,212	792,753	-	794,966	738,292
Cash funds this year end	11,708	832,976	-	844,683	794,966

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in Bank Current a/c at 31st Dec 2024	11,708	-	-	11,708	2,212
	Cash in Bank Current a/c at 31st Dec 2024 - W's F/ship	-	903	-	903	980
	Cash in Bank Deposit a/c at 31st Dec 2024	-	96,855	-	96,855	394,407
	Cash in Fixed Term Deposit a/c at 31st Dec 2024	-	325,000	-	325,000	-
	Cash in Savings Bond at 31st Dec 2024	-	410,218	-	410,218	397,366
	Total cash funds	11,708	832,976	-	844,683	794,966
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

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

B3 Investment assets

Details

The congregation holds an investment with M&G Investments Charifund. This investment was valued at £10,162.30 as at 30th June 2024.

The congregation holds an investment with Northern Ireland Central Investment Fund for Charities administered by the Department for Communities. This investment was valued at £685.39 as at 31st December 2024.

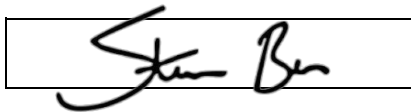
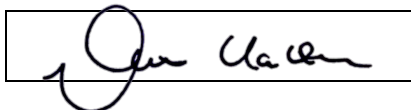
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details

The congregation owns the church premises at Ballycorr Road, Ballyclare and manse premises at Gateside Manor, Ballyclare. The buildings and contents have a combined insurance value of £1,549,937 as at 2024

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Steven Bell	11/02/2025
	Nathan Hawthorne	11/02/2025

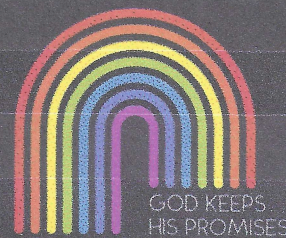
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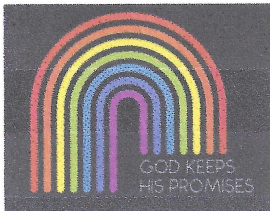
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Receipts and payments accounts

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Collections - Freewill	71,421	-	-	71,421	50,932
Collections - RP Mission and Ministry	-	74	-	74	190
Collections - Building Fund	-	25,149	-	25,149	72,534
Collections - Mission	-	1,360	-	1,360	2,804
Donations - Nantes Building fund	-	-	-	-	1,990
Donations - EMF, Bulgaria	-	1,004	-	1,004	-
Ground rent	240	-	-	240	503
Bequest Income	604	-	-	604	588
Gift Aid	13,178	8,179	-	21,357	22,375
Bank Interest	52	1,577	-	1,629	166
Bequest	-	25,000	-	25,000	-
Women's Fellowship - Income	-	265	-	265	330
Women's Fellowship - bequest	-	-	-	-	750
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	85,495	62,608	-	148,104	153,161
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	85,495	62,608	-	148,104	153,161
A3 Payments					
Payments re Minister	37,077	-	-	37,077	34,635
Payments re Church and manse	19,210	3,000	-	22,210	14,496
Payments re Ministry and Outreach	7,637	-	-	7,637	4,532
General Expenses	1,610	37	-	1,646	651
RP Mission and Ministry	13,386	74	-	13,460	11,980
Missions	6,625	1,360	-	7,985	9,213
Nantes Building Fund	-	-	-	-	3,000
Women's Fellowship Payments	-	240	-	240	125
EMF - Bulgaria	170	1,004	-	1,174	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	85,715	5,715	-	91,430	78,631
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	85,715	5,715	-	91,430	78,631
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 219	56,893	-	56,674	74,530
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,431	735,860	-	738,292	663,762
Cash funds this year end	2,212	792,753	-	794,966	738,292

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in Bank Current a/c at 31st Dec 2023	2,212	-	-	2,212	2,431
	Cash in Bank Current a/c at 31st Dec 2023 - WF	-	980	-	980	955
	Cash in Bank Deposit a/c at 31st Dec 2023	-	394,407	-	394,407	339,116
	Cash in Savings Deposit a/c at 31st Dec 2023	-	397,366	-	397,366	395,789
	Total cash funds	2,212	792,753	-	794,966	738,292
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

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

B3 Investment assets

The congregation holds an investment with M&G Investments Charifund. This investment was valued at £9,587.84 as at 30th September 2023.

The congregation holds an investment with Northern Ireland Central Investment Fund for Charities administered by the Department for Communities. This investment was valued at £662.80 as at 31st December 2023.

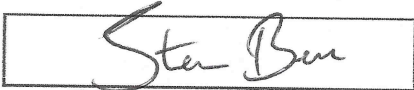
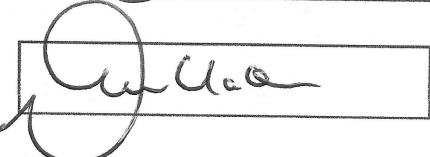
The Trustees of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland hold investment funds on behalf of the congregation. As at 31st December 2023 the investment funds were £610

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

The congregation owns the church premises at Ballycorr Road, Ballyclare and manse premises at Gateside Manor, Ballyclare. The buildings and contents have a combined insurance value of £1,505,385 as at 2023

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Steven Bell	10/09/2024
	Nathan Hawthorne	10/09/2024

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Annual report



Trustees Report 2023

Trustees report for Ballyclare Reformed Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31st December 2023.

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Mr William McCollum

We thank God for every member, adherent and child who makes up the church family at Ballyclare RP Church and for every opportunity we had over the course of 2023 to worship our awesome God and to serve him amongst our congregation and our community.

SESSION

Session met regularly throughout the year for the purposes of overseeing the work of the congregation and its members and adherents.

As well as the oversight of the congregation and its members and work, members of Session took it in turn to attend the meetings of the Eastern Presbytery and the meeting of Synod that was held in Trinity in June.

DEACONS

The Deacons continued their work in managing the finances and property of the congregation and in overseeing the mercy ministry of the congregation, showing love and mercy to the church family and to those in need in Ballyclare and beyond.

SABBATH SERVICES

Sabbath morning and evening services continued at 11.00 am every Sabbath morning and 6.00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Sabbath evenings of the month.

Over the year our pastor preached a number of series:

- Hebrews
- Hallel Psalms – Psalms 113-118
- The parables of Matthew 25
- I need an answer – seeking to answer various questions people may have about God, faith, Christianity e.g. How can a God of love send people to hell? Who is Jesus – Mythical, moraliser, maniac, malevolent or messiah? Is there life after death? Can't we leave the bible's attitude to sex in the dark ages where it belongs?

He also preached a number of stand-alone sermons suited to particular situations in our country or calendar or the needs of our church:

- Mark 12:28-34 – Your greatest priority this year (Start of the new year)
- Psalm 72 – Long live the king (Coronation of King Charles III)
- 1 John 3:1 – Children of God (Footsteps Service)
- Hebrews 10:24-25 – Christians Assemble
- Romans 12:5 – We are members of one another
- HMS Church (Mission Sabbath)
- Matthew 5:8 – The Pure shall see God
- Luke 1:26-56 – God's humble Servants
- 1 Samuel 7:12 – Ebenezer, Remembering God's help (end of the year)

The sermons continue to be made available on the congregation's Youtube channel and advertised on Facebook.

SACRAMENTS

The congregation celebrated the Lord's Supper in February, June and October.

For our communion season in February we studied Mark 15v21-32.

For our communion season in June we studied Hebrews 10.

The theme for our communion season in October was 'The lamb'.

The sacrament of baptism was administered on one occasion in 2023.

PASTORAL CARE

As with past years many of our members and adherents suffered ill health / difficulties over the course of the year. We give thanks to God for his sustaining grace and for his many answers to prayer in this regard.

During the autumn / winter months pastoral visits were made to over half the congregation.

Members of the congregation continued to serve the community both in an individual capacity and in the support of wider community groups.

OUTREACH

Our congregation seeks to share and relate the hope of the message of the gospel with those around us in various ways:

- By living out our Christian lives as individuals before family, friends, neighbours and the community of Ballyclare.
- By inviting people to our church services, youth work and other church activities.
- By engaging with the community as individuals and through our Friendship Group, our monthly nursing home services, the offer of group or personal bible study courses etc.

On the week prior to the coronation of King Charles III tracts were delivered to homes in the town on a coronation theme.

In December, 140 books entitled 'Christmas Uncut' were handed out in and around the town square on a Saturday morning. Invites to a Hope Explored course were included inside the books.

Another 60 books and invites to a Hope Explored course were delivered to homes in the immediate vicinity of the church building in packets including tea-bags, sachets of coffee, sachets of sugar and packets of shortbread.

PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

The times of congregational prayer before morning and evening services continued in 2023.

On Thursday evening the prayer meeting continued to meet in person and on Zoom over the course of the year.

The ladies and men's fellowship met monthly throughout the year both in person and over Zoom for bible study, prayer, and fellowship.

MISSION

The congregation has a monthly missionary meeting on the 1st Sabbath evening of each month to which representatives of missionary organisations are invited to bring updates on the work of their organisations.

The missionaries / missionary organisations invited to bring updates on their work included Sports Academy, George; CEF, Belfast; Exeter Chinese Church; Dublin Christian Mission; Asia Link; International Mission to Jewish People; Messianic Testimony; Reach Beyond; One Another Ministry; Peru; Seafarers' Christian Friend Society; Blythswood.

At our annual missionary service in November we launched a partnership with a pastor in Ruse, Bulgaria who is supported by EMF.

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

Three meetings were organised in November on a number of mental health matters. Local churches, friends and contacts were invited to join and hear experienced speakers address a range of topics:

Thursday 9th November: Understanding and interacting with mental health issues – Ken Yeow, consultant psychiatrist within the Belfast Health & Social Care Trust.

Thursday 16th November: Anxiety – Tim Huey, General Practitioner in Templepatrick.

Thursday 23rd November: Suffering – Brenda Kelso, Christian counsellor.

FELLOWSHIP

The usual times of fellowship enjoyed by the congregation over the course of the year include:

- On Sabbath evenings a time of supper and fellowship is enjoyed after the evening service.
- Throughout the year a number of congregational meals are held following the morning service.
- Annual social events held during the course of the year included the barbecue in June and the Candlelight Supper in December.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men of the congregation meet on the 3rd week of the month for times of Bible Study and Prayer and fellowship. These meetings took place both in person and over Zoom.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Women's Fellowship meet on the 3rd week of the month for times of Bible Study and Prayer and fellowship. These meetings took place both in person and over Zoom. In June the ladies enjoyed a meal in Ballyclare Golf Club and in November the ladies went to the local Blythswood depot to help sort shoeboxes for Blythswood's annual Christmas shoebox appeal.

NURSING HOME SERVICES

Our pastor continues, along with other pastors in the area, to provide services in 3 local nursing homes.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Friendship Group meets on the last Tuesday morning of each month, from January to May and September to November.

The group is made up of retirees within the congregation and the community who meet once a month for friendship and fellowship.

An invited speaker delivers a talk on a subject of interest after which a 3-course lunch is served.

The topics and speakers in 2023 were as follows:

- January Contents of a Glass Jar – A Korean Love Story (Mrs Etta Mann)
- February Overcoming Disability – Frances Brown, Blind Poetess of Ulster (Rev Raymond Blair)
- March Digging for Treasure (Mrs Nancy McCollum)
- April Old Ballyclare (Mrs Lindy Reid)
- September Outreach Cafes in Various Countries (Mr George Wright)
- October A Journey Through Asia (Mr and Mrs Scott)
- November West Belfast (Miss Naomi Dudgeon)

The average attendance for the six meetings was twenty-nine.

In May for the annual outing the Friendship Group visited the Carrickfergus Museum.

FOOTSTEPS

Footsteps is the title for our Sabbath School, attended by young people from within our congregation and from the community.

Footsteps meets on Sabbath mornings at 10.00 am before the morning service.

As well as the classes on Sabbath mornings the young people enjoyed a number of social evenings and an outing to Clip N Climb at Dundonald.

Once again in November the children filled shoeboxes for Blythswood's annual shoebox appeal, this year filling 43 shoeboxes to send to people in situations of need.

CY (COVENANTER YOUTH)

The junior and senior CYs, comprising young people from both within the congregation and outside the congregation meet together socially once a month on a Saturday evening, and then meet separately as junior and senior groups on the third Lord's Day of every month for a time of Bible study.

Junior CY is for young people in Years 8-10. Senior CY is for young people in Years 11+.

Over the course of the year social activities included ten-pin bowling, a board games evening in the church hall, a sports evening in the sports hall of another congregation, and games nights in facilities provided by a family within the congregation.

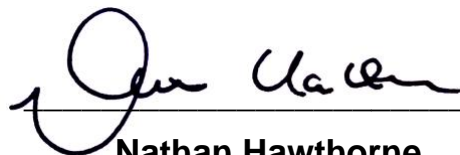
JAM (JESUS AND ME)

JAM, comprising children in Primary 1 to 7, meets on the first Saturday evening of the month.

The meetings consist of some games, followed by a memory verse, craft, story and some treats.

Approved by the Trustees at a meeting on 10th September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Minister



Nathan Hawthorne

Clerk



Steven Bell

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Annual return

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Independent Examiner's Report 2023

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Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Ballyclare Reformed Presbyterian Church

I report on the accounts of the 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
- 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: William McCollum

Relevant professional qualification or body: Fellow of Chartered Accountants Ireland

Address: 74 Crosskennan Road, Antrim, BT41 2RG

Date: 11th September 2024

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For the period from	1st Jan 2022	To	31st Dec 2022	
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Section A Receipts and payments

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Collections - RP Mission and Ministry	-	190	-	190	542
Collections - Building Fund	-	72,534	-	72,534	36,519
Collections - Mission	-	2,804	-	2,804	10,355
Donation - Student	-	-	-	-	1,000
Donations - Nantes Building fund	-	1,990	-	1,990	-
Ground rent	503	-	-	503	280
Bequest Income	588	-	-	588	528
Gift Aid	14,837	7,538	-	22,375	19,369
Bank Interest	65	101	-	166	1,613
Donation - lieu of flowers	-	-	-	-	165
Women's Fellowship - Income	-	330	-	330	-
Women's Fellowship - bequest	-	750	-	750	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	66,925	86,236	-	153,161	119,953
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	66,925	86,236	-	153,161	119,953
A3 Payments					
Payments re Minister	34,635	-	-	34,635	34,048
Payments re Church and manse	8,508	5,988	-	14,496	13,602
Payments re Ministry and Outreach	4,532	-	-	4,532	5,891
General Expenses	615	36	-	651	1,180
RP Mission and Ministry	11,790	190	-	11,980	11,670
Missions	6,409	2,804	-	9,213	14,980
Nantes Building Fund	1,010	1,990	-	3,000	-
Women's Fellowship Payments	-	125	-	125	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Sub total	67,500	11,132	-	78,631	81,372
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	67,500	11,132	-	78,631	81,372
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 574	75,104	-	74,530	38,581
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,006	660,756	-	663,762	625,181
Cash funds this year end	2,431	735,860	-	738,292	663,762

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in Bank Current a/c at 31st Dec 2022	2,431	-	-	2,431	3,006
	Cash in Bank Current a/c at 31st Dec 2022 - WF	-	955	-	955	-
	Cash in Bank Deposit a/c at 31st Dec 2022	-	339,116	-	339,116	465,068
	Cash in Savings Deposit a/c at 31st Dec 2022	-	395,789	-	395,789	195,689
	Total cash funds	2,431	735,860	-	738,292	663,762
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

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

B3 Investment assets

Details

The congregation holds an investment with M&G Investments Charifund. This investment was valued at £9,191.68 as at 30th September 2022.

The congregation holds an investment with Northern Ireland Central Investment Fund for Charities administered by the Department for Communities. This investment was valued at £626.47 as at 31st December 2022.

The Trustees of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland hold investment funds on behalf of the congregation. As at 31st December 2022 the investment funds were £610


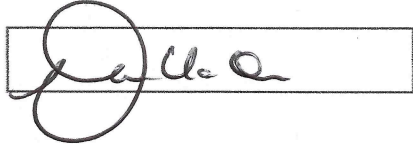
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details

The congregation owns the church premises at Ballycorr Road, Ballyclare and manse premises at Gateside Manor, Ballyclare. The buildings and contents have a combined insurance value of £1,263,798 as at 2022

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Steven Bell	04/04/23
	Nathan Hawthorne	04/04/23

Ballyclare Reformed Presbyterian Church

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106337

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Ballyclare Reformed Presbyterian Church Trustees Report 2022



Trustees report for Ballyclare Reformed Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Charity Details

Ballyclare Reformed Presbyterian Church
Ballycorr Road
Ballyclare
County Antrim
BT39 9DD

Charity Registration Number: NIC106337

Charity Trustees

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Mr Thomas Ferguson
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Mr Keith McKeeman
Mr Jonathan Stewart
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Independent examiner

Mr William McCollum

THANKFULNESS AFTER CHALLENGE

We thank God that we were able to enjoy church life without the disruption and restrictions of the previous two years due to Covid.

We thank God for the thoughtfulness towards the needs, interests and concerns of others that was displayed by the congregation over the previous two years, as well as the support that was shown to Session in all the difficult decisions that were faced.

We thank God for the lessons he taught us over the past two years and a number of the measures we were forced to implement by the lockdowns and restrictions that prove beneficial to our congregational life and witness in the present. These have proved to be an on-going means of ministry.

SESSION

Session met regularly throughout the year for the purposes of overseeing the work of the congregation and its members and adherents.

As well as the oversight of the congregation and its members and work, members of Session took it in turn to attend the meetings of the Eastern Presbytery and the meeting of Synod that was held in Armagh in June.

2 additional elders were elected, ordained and installed in 2022.

DEACONS

The Deacons continued their work in managing the finances and property of the congregation and in overseeing the mercy ministry of the congregation, showing love and mercy to the church family and to those in need in Ballyclare and beyond.

2 additional deacons were elected, ordained and installed in 2022.

SABBATH SERVICES

After the period of disruption due to Covid Sabbath morning and evening services continued uninterrupted in 2022, meeting at 11.00 am every Sabbath morning and 6.00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Sabbath evenings of the month.

During 2022 Rev Hawthorne covered the following subjects in the course of his preaching ministry:

Over the year our pastor preached a number of series:

- Colossians chapters 2-4.
- The Eldership.
- The Deaconate.
- Psalms of Ascent – Psalms 120-134.

- A family like no other – looking at the family in which God placed his infant son.
- I need an answer – seeking to answer various questions people may have about God, faith, Christianity e.g. Is there a God? Can I believe the Bible? Do all religions not lead to God? How can a God of love allow so much suffering?

He also preached a number of stand-alone sermons:

- Esther 3:1-15 – Where is God in all this evil? (Ukraine war)
- 1 Peter 4:1-11 – Show hospitality to one another (Ukraine refugee crisis)
- Psalm 46 – When our world is shaken.
- Psalm 48 – The city of the great King.
- Psalm 100 – The Lord is God.
- 2 Chronicles 1 – Lessons for leaders of God's people.

Combined average attendance at morning worship services (in person and online) was 79. Combined average attendance at evening worship services (in person and online) was 57.

The sermons continue to be made available on the congregation's Youtube channel and advertised on Facebook.

SACRAMENTS

The congregation celebrated the Lord's Supper in February, June and October in 2022.

For our communion season in February we studied Mark 14:27-42. There were 41 communicants.

For our communion season in June we studied Mark 14:43-65. There were 47 communicants.

For our communion season in October we studied Mark 14:66-15:20. There were 42 communicants.

We were delighted to administer the sacrament of baptism on one occasion in 2022.

PASTORAL CARE

With restrictions due to Covid having been lifted the pastoral work of the congregation, elders and deacons returned to normal.

With the addition of 2 new elders the families of the congregation were re-distributed among the members of session for the purposes of pastoral care and oversight.

Members of the congregation continued to serve the community both in an individual capacity and in the support of wider community groups.

OUTREACH

Our congregation seeks to share and relate the hope of the message of the gospel with those around us in various ways:

- By living out our Christian lives as individuals before family, friends, neighbours and the community of Ballyclare.
- By inviting people to our church services, youth work and other church activities.
- By engaging with the community as individuals and through our Friendship Group, our monthly nursing home services, the offer of group or personal bible study courses etc.

PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

The times of congregational prayer before morning and evening services resumed in 2022.

On Thursday evening the prayer meeting continued to meet in person and on Zoom over the course of the year.

The ladies and men's fellowship met monthly throughout the year both in person and over Zoom for bible study, prayer, and fellowship.

MISSION

The congregation has a monthly missionary meeting on the 1st Sabbath evening of each month to which representatives of missionary organisations are invited to bring updates on the work of their organisations.

The missionaries / missionary organisations invited to bring updates on their work included Acacia Path; United Grace Mission; Hamsayeh; Asia Link; CEF Macedonia; Mission Africa; One Mission Society – Mozambique; Sandes and EMF.

At our annual missionary service in November we received an update on the denomination's work in Nantes.

FELLOWSHIP

The usual times of fellowship enjoyed by the congregation over the course of the year include:

- On Sabbath evenings a time of supper and fellowship is enjoyed after the evening service.
- Throughout the year a number of congregational meals are held following the morning service.
- Annual social events held during the course of the year included the barbecue in June and the Candlelight Supper in December.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men of the congregation meet on the 3rd week of the month for times of Bible Study and Prayer and fellowship. These meetings took place both in person and over Zoom. In November the men went to the local Blythswood depot to help sort shoeboxes for Blythswood's annual Christmas shoebox appeal.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Women's Fellowship meet on the 3rd week of the month for times of Bible Study and Prayer and fellowship. These meetings took place both in person and over Zoom. In November the ladies went to the local Blythswood depot to help sort shoeboxes for Blythswood's annual Christmas shoebox appeal.

NURSING HOME SERVICES

Our pastor continues, along with other pastors in the area, to provide services in 2 local nursing homes on Thursday afternoons.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Friendship Group meets on the last Tuesday morning of each month, from January to May and September to November.

The group is made up of retirees within the congregation and the community who meet once a month for friendship and fellowship.

An invited speaker delivers a talk on a subject of interest after which a 3-course lunch is served.

After a period of curtailment due to Covid the Friendship Group programme returned to normal in 2022.

The topics and speakers were as follows:

- January Life Story (Mrs Winnie McMaster)
- February Belsen Concentration Camp (Mr George Wright)
- March Flower Arranging (Pastor Keith Lindsey)
- April Fanny Crosby Hymn Writer (Mrs Eva Baxter MBE)
- September Young Lives Versus Cancer (Mrs Valerie Cubitt)
- October Grace Abounding (Dr Grace Pettigrew)
- November Life Below The Surface – An Aquatic Odyssey (Dr Richard Kennedy)

The average attendance for the six meetings was twenty-six.

In May for the annual outing the Friendship Group visited the White House, Newtownabbey, where we learned about the coming of King William III and his forces to Carrickfergus in 1690.

FOOTSTEPS

Footsteps is the title for our Sabbath School, attended by young people from within our congregation and from the community.

Footsteps meets on Sabbath mornings at 10.00 am before the morning service.

Once again in November the children filled shoeboxes for Blythswood's annual shoebox appeal to people in situations of need.

CY (COVENANTER YOUTH)

The junior and senior CYs, comprising young people from both within the congregation and outside the congregation meet together socially once a month on a Saturday evening, and then meet separately as junior and senior groups on the third Lord's Day of every month for a time of Bible study.

Over the course of the year social activities included a forest walk, ten-pin bowling, a trip to McDonalds and games in the church hall and in facilities provided by a family within the congregation.

Junior CY is for young people in Years 8-10 and had an average attendance of 11. Senior CY is for young people in Years 11+ and had an average attendance of 8.

JAM (JESUS AND ME)

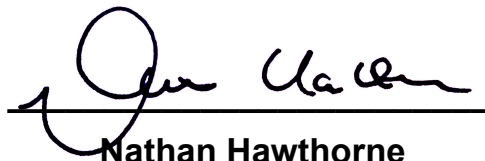
JAM, comprising children in Primary 1 to 7, meets on the first Saturday evening of the month.

The meetings consist of some games, followed by a memory verse, craft, story and some treats.

The theme this year was God's Family using Catherine McKenzie's children's book: *God's Family – The Greatest Royal Family Ever*.

Approved by the Trustees at a meeting on 4th April 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Minister


Nathan Hawthorne

Clerk


Steven Bell

Ballyclare Reformed Presbyterian Church

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106337

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Ballyclare Reformed Presbyterian Church Independent Examiner's Report 2022



Independent examiner's report for Ballyclare Reformed Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31st December 2022.

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Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Ballyclare Reformed Presbyterian Church

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

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

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

Name: William McCollum

Relevant professional qualification or body: Fellow of Chartered Accountants Ireland

Address: 74 Crosskennan Road, Antrim, BT41 2RG

Date: 4th April 2023