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## **KILRAUGHTS CONGREGATION OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

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

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Kilraughts Congregation of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland  
175 Kilraughts Road  
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**Charity Number: NIC106384**

### **CHARITY TRUSTEES**

The Charity Trustees who served during the year were:-

Rev. David Fallows	Mr Charles Knox
Mr William Hanna	Mr William James Loughridge
Mr Alan Kennedy	Mr Robert Pinkerton
Mr Michael Kennedy	Mr Roy Pinkerton
Mr Harold Kerr	Mr Elliott Robinson

### **PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister:	Rev. David Fallows (until June)
Clerk of Session:	Mr Elliott Robinson
Treasurer (Income):	Mrs Audrey Kennedy
Treasurer (Expenditure):	Mrs Margaret Knox

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

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### **BANKERS**

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## **KILRAUGHTS CONGREGATION OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

The Kilraughts congregation has been worshipping in its present location since 1805. Our congregation is currently made up of around 40 households. There are people of all ages from early primary school age to those in their nineties.

The governing document of our charity was issued by the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland in June 2016. Our purpose as a denomination 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.

Our worship services, morning and evening on the Lord's Day, are open to members of the public who may wish to attend. We listen to what God says to us through the public reading of the Bible and our minister's sermons which explain to us the meaning and relevance of what has been read. We sing praise to God using the Psalms and sing without musical accompaniment, believing that this was the way Christians worshipped in the days of the apostles. We also pray to God, thanking Him for His goodness to us, confessing our sins and bringing Him our requests.

Our worship services are recorded and are available for download on the congregation's website: [www.kilraughtsrpc.com](http://www.kilraughtsrpc.com)

Our supreme standard for belief and practice is the Bible. Our primary responsibility to the community is that of evangelism. Our congregation is the centre from which the gospel message is communicated to the surrounding neighbourhood through outreach services and other activities.

Our minister accepted a Call to another congregation in June. Our Interim Moderator ensured that we had preachers each Lord's Day as a vacant congregation.

Midweek meetings for prayer were held in the church hall during the year. We also had a number of meetings when we had special speakers. On 14<sup>th</sup> February Mr Colin Jenkins from Seamen's Christian Friend Society told of his work in Cork with the seamen. On 18<sup>th</sup> April Mr Phil Dunn, the European Mission Fellowship representative spoke on their work in Portugal.

On 31<sup>st</sup> May Rev. Gary Glasgow, minister of First Kilraughts and Armoy Presbyterian Churches, spoke about his call to the Presbyterian ministry. We had a good number of visitors.

On 12<sup>th</sup> December Mr Andrew Boyd and Mr Ross Fallows told something of the work of Operation Mobilisation Ships.

The Sabbath School classes met weekly during the year, except July and August. The Senior Covenanter Youth Group met fortnightly with a break during the summer months.

There were some opportunities for fellowship during the year. We had a congregational walk in Portrush on 25<sup>th</sup> July. Our church barbecue was held on 18<sup>th</sup> August. On 27<sup>th</sup> August we had our church picnic, followed by an afternoon worship service. Our Family Night was on 8<sup>th</sup> December.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Communion) was observed in January, May and September



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2023. Only those who meet the membership requirements of our church may participate in the Lord's Supper.

In order to achieve our aim of transparency our Annual General Meeting took place on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 when reports from the church organisations were received and adopted by the congregation as true and accurate accounts. We met our targets set by the Synod of the R.P. Church for Ministry and Mission.

We long to see people conforming more and more to the highest ethical and moral standards in accordance with the Christian faith. The benefit of our charity to the public is demonstrated as those who interact with the church are led to a better manner of life.

As a congregation we seek to demonstrate the benefits of living according to Christian principles. We are conscious that we are living in difficult and uncertain times. We seek to give practical help to people in need in our community, and we give generously to worthy causes. We seek to love our neighbours as ourselves, as the Bible commands.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' and adherents' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 45 contributors during the year (47 in 2022) donating a total of £ 62,957 (£ 62,836 in 2022).

Total income of the congregation during the year was £96,715 compared to £ 93,989 in 2022.

Total expenditure decreased from £87,923 in 2022 to £74,088 in 2023.

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

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

Approved by Session at a meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 and signed on its behalf by

*Elliott Robinson*

Mr Elliott Robinson

*Harold Kerr*

Mr Harold Kerr