

# Armagh Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 106460

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2017-02-20

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

## Contact

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**Address** Richhill Presbyterian Church  
Corcreevy Road  
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## Activities

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**Purposes:** THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world

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

**How the charity works:** Religious activities

**Who the charity helps:** General public

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£16,953	£16,471	£0	2

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Christopher Holland		
Mr Adrian McMullan		
Mr Alastair Graham		
Mr Allen Foster		
Mr Ashley Mitchell		
Mr Billy Henry		
Mr Clarke Kennedy		
Mr David Kirkland		
Mr Ernest Hawthorne		
Mr Ian Newell		
Mr James Boyd		
Mr James Mcneill		
Mr Jim Mccavery		
Mr Joe Johnston		
Mr John Mason		
Mr John Wright		
Mr Kenneth Belshaw		
Mr Mark Elder		
Mr Mervyn King		
Mr Norman Cornett		
Mr Owen Milligan		
Mr Stan Hadden		
Mr Stephen Boyd		
Mr Thomas Graham		
Mr Tom Taylor		
Mr Tommie Savage		
Mr Trevor Edgar		

Name	Role	Appointed
Mrs Moyra Stirling		
Mrs Rebecca Spence		
Mrs Sadie Somerville		
Professor Michael Mcclenahan		
Professor Stafford Carson		
Rev Alastair Mcneely		
Rev Andrew Martin		
Rev Bob Allely		
Rev David Henry		
Rev Donald Byers		
Rev Dr Joseph Thompson		
Rev Dr Tony Davidson		
Rev Graham Mullan		
Rev Ian Abraham		
Rev Ivan Thompson		
Rev James Gordon		
Rev Joanne Smith		
Rev John Graham		
Rev John Hutchinson		
Rev Lachlan Webster		
Rev Mark Haugh		
Rev Nigel Mccullough		
Rev Peter Gamble		
Rev Philip McClelland		
Rev Robin Brown		
Rev Sam Finlay		
Rev Stephen Andrew Moore		
Rev Thomas Moore		

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# Accounts

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**ARMAGH PRESBYTERY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)**  
for the year ended 31 December : 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Congregational Assessments	15,000	0	0	15,000	13,906
Collections at Events	1,085	0	0	1,085	1,020
PW Link	0	760	0	760	786
Interest Income	108	0	0	108	87
Other	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>16,193</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,953</b>	<b>15,799</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Moderator & Clerk Allowances	13,820	0	0	13,820	11,492
Students	200	0	0	200	600
Insurance	387	0	0	387	356
Cancer Care Group	75	0	0	75	75
Events & Donations	1,520	0	0	1,520	1,096
Other (inc Bank Fees)	110	0	0	110	26
PW Link	0	359	0	359	796
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>16,112</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,471</b>	<b>14,441</b>

**Armagh Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church In Ireland**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at Start of Year	7904	568	0	8,472	7,904
Net Movement in Funds	81	401	0	482	568
Bank and Cash at End of Year	<u>7,985</u>	<u>969</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,954</u>	<u>8,472</u>
<b>Bank and Cash Balances</b>					
Presbytery Account				7,985	7,904
PW Link Account				969	568
Cash in Hand				0	0
				<u>8,954</u>	<u>8,472</u>

Approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 7 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Mark Haugh  
Trustee



Philip McClelland  
Trustee



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<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Congregational Assessments	13,906	0	0	13,906	12,789
Collections at Events	1,020	0	0	1,020	0
PW Link	0	786	0	786	796
Interest Income	87	0	0	87	12
Other	0	0	0	0	577
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>15,013</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15,799</b>	<b>14,174</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Moderator & Clerk Allowances	11,492	0	0	11,492	11,384
Students	600	0	0	600	812
Insurance	356	0	0	356	363
Cancer Care Group	75	0	0	75	261
Events & Donations	1,096	0	0	1,096	0
Other (Bank Fees)	26	0	0	26	62
PW Link	0	796	0	796	757
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>13645</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14441</b>	<b>13,639</b>

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<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at Start of Year	6,536	578	0	7,114	6,579
Nett Movement in Funds	1,368	-10	0	1,358	535
Bank and Cash at End of Year	7,904	568	0	8,472	7,114
<b>Bank and Cash Balances</b>					
Presbytery Account				7,904	6,536
PW Link Account				568	578
Cash in Hand				0	0
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Trustee



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# Annual report

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**THE ARMAGH PRESBYTERY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

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

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC 106460)**

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

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**Charity Number:** 106460

**Address:** Richhill Presbyterian Church, Corcreevy Road, Richhill, Armagh, BT61 9JR

**Names of Trustees:**

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

Rev I Abraham; Rev R Allely; Miss J Allen (appointed 19 June 2023); Mr K Belshaw; Mr S Boyd; Rev C Bradley; Rev R Brown; Rev D Byers; V Rev Professor S Carson; Mr N Cornett; Rev Dr A Davidson; Mr M Elder; Rev S Finlay; Mr A Foster; Rev P Gamble; Rev J Gordon; Rev J Graham; Mr T Graham; Mr L Hadden (resigned 20 September 2023); Mr S Hadden; Mr E Hawthorne; Rev D Henry; Mr W Henry; Dr C Holland; Rev J Hutchinson; Mr C Kennedy; Mr M King; Rev A Marsh; Mr J Mason; Mr J McCavery; Rev P McClelland; Rev Professor M McClenahan; Mr D McCrea; Rev N McCullough; Rev P McKelvey (resigned 27 April 2023); Mr P McMenemy; Rev A McNeely; Mr J McNeill; Mr J MacQueen; Mr A McMullan; Mr J Megaw (died 14 October 2023); Mr A Mitchell; Mr O Milligan; Mr K Moffett; Rev A Moore; Rev G Mullan; Mr R Pogue (resigned 13 June 2023); Mr F Sandford; Mr T Savage; Rev J Smith; Mrs S Somerville; Mrs R Spence; Mrs M Stirling; Rev I Thompson; Rev Dr J Thompson; Rev L Webster.

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and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The following congregations of the Presbyterian Church have been assigned to The Armagh Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

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Armagh - First	Druminnis	Portadown - Armagh Road
Armagh - Mall	Keady - First	Portadown - First
Armaghbreague	Keady - Second	Redrock
Bellville	Knappagh	Richhill
Benburb	Lislooney	Tartaraghan
Caledon	Loughgall	Tassagh
Cladymore*	Lurgan - First	Vinecash
Clare	Lurgan - Hill Street	Waringstown
Craigavon	Minterburn	

\*While Cladymore was under the oversight of the Armagh Presbytery during 2023, it was assigned to the Newry Presbytery on 23 January 2024.

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Stated meetings of Presbytery are held seven times per year on the first Tuesday of the month, except September and May, when they are held on the second Tuesday of the month.

All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except the Moderator, who has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

### **The General Assembly**

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administrative and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly is normally constituted during the first week in June for worship and to conduct its business. At the end of business it is dissolved. The membership of the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

### **DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

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

### **ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

The presbytery meets on the first Tuesday of February, March, October, November and December, on the second Tuesday of September and May, and on other occasions as required. All meetings commence with a time of worship and are opened and closed with prayer.

The presbytery carries out the following activities:

Supports those applying to be candidates for the Ministry; installs Ordained ministers; provides pastoral support for ministers and their families; holds a number of events such as mission rallies and lectures; PW Link is an initiative of Presbyterian Women intended to improve communications and build relationships between Presbyterian Women. PW Link includes a representative from each congregations and runs events to support the mission and outreach of Presbytery.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The regular series of stated meetings and the meetings of the various Commissions and Committees to which responsibilities were often delegated took place throughout the year, while PW Link also organised events.

As of 31 December, the following numbers of personnel were under the care of Presbytery:

Ministers in active service:	18 (2022)	16 (2023)
Retired ministers	9 (2022)	11 (2023)
Students for the ministry	4 (2022)	3 (2023)

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

The presbytery also encourages congregations to contribute to the denomination's annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School project and any other special appeals.

### **General Assembly**

Presbyteries are represented on the various Councils of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and report on an annual basis to the General Assembly

### **Volunteers**

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on Presbytery, its commissions and panels.

## **PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the Christian Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of religion. The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and in the Church's subordinate standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms) leading to spiritual and moral development

and opportunities for response to Bible teaching. In turn, this framework leads to practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need (including the sick, disabled and bereaved). Generally, the above benefits are delivered locally by congregational churches and members or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways. The benefits are demonstrated through regular evaluation of the services and informal and ad-hoc feedback from members, their families, and members of the public. The purpose does not lead to harm. The charities beneficiaries are its members, their families, other individuals that the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is in direct and indirect contact with, the community in which pastoral services are provided and other communities throughout Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and worldwide which benefit from our engagement with and support for both Christian and other secular organisations, charities and individual members of the public. The only private benefit flowing from our purpose is related to Ministers, Missionaries, Deaconesses, Irish Mission workers and Lay Agents who receive benefits as a result of their holding office or employment. However, this is incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purpose. There are no other private benefits.

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

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The presbytery's main source of income is an assessment that is levied on the congregations assigned to it and £15,799 was received in the current year (£14,174 in previous year, 2022).

As part of the accounts, PW Link received £786 and had expenditure of £796.

Total expenditure increased from £13,639 to £14,441. This includes a payment made to the Clerk of Presbytery for the responsibilities of that position.

The opening balance was £7,114 and the closing balance was £8,472. Overall, there was a surplus of £1,358.

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

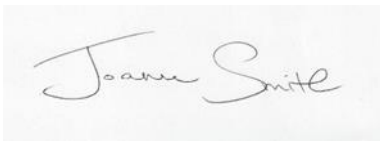
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the presbytery in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

As the presbytery'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 payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

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

Approved by the presbytery at a meeting on 10 September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev J Smith

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanne Smith". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

10 September 2024

Rev PWA McClelland

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Philip McClelland". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

10 September 2024

**Armagh Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

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# Annual return

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of the  
Armagh Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> 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 the following Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signed:



Alison Rutherford FCA

1 Rosewood Park, Lurgan BT66 7AQ

Date:

9/9/2024

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# Accounts

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**ANNUAL FINANCIAL RETURN TO ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

for the year ended 31 December 2022

*(delete £ or € as appropriate)*

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£

**INCOME**

Assessment on Congregations / Presbytery Fees	£ 12,789.00
Collections at Presbytery Rally, Services and Events	£ -
Investment Income (incl interest)	£ 12.00
Income on Investments held on behalf of Congregations	£ -
Grants received	£ -
Donations etc for PCI Mission Funds / 3rd Party Charities etc	£ -
P W Link	£ 796.00
Other Income - Presbytery Youth Committee Account Closure	£ 577.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£ 14,174.00</b>

**EXPENDITURE**

**Allowances and Expenses**

Presbytery Clerk (incl NIC/Pension)	£ 10,984.00
Presbytery Moderator	£ 400.00
Other Presbytery Personnel	£ -
<b>Total Allowances and Expenses</b>	<b>£ 11,384.00</b>
Printing, Postage & Stationery	£ 62.00
Ministry Students Grants / Allowances	£ 812.00
Grants, Gifts and Donations - Cancer Care Group	£ 261.00
Expenses of Presbytery Rally, Service and Events	£ -
Income on Investments paid to Congregations	£ -
Pulpit / Sick Supplies	£ -
Insurance	£ 334.00
Payments to PCI Mission Funds / 3rd Party Charities etc.	£ -
P W Link	£ 757.00
Bank Charges	£ 29.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£ 13,639.00</b>
<b>SURPLUS / DEFICIT FOR YEAR</b>	<b>£ 535.00</b>
<b>OPENING BANK BALANCES (all accounts)</b>	<b>£ 6,579.00</b>
<b>CLOSING BANK BALANCES (all accounts)</b>	<b>£ 7,114.00</b>

SIGNED Mr. Dilshe J. DATE 5/9/2023  
Finance Convener

SIGNED A Rutherford DATE 5/9/2023  
Auditor/Independent Examiner

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
As at 31st December 2022**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Endowment Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2021 £</b>
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at Start of Year	6,041	538	0	6,579	6,161
Nett Movement in Funds	495	40	0	535	418
Bank and Cash at End of Year	<u>6,536</u>	<u>578</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,114</u>	<u>6,579</u>
<b>Bank and Cash Balances</b>					
Presbytery Account				6,536	6,041
PW Link Account				578	538
Cash in Hand				<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
				<u>7,114</u>	<u>6,579</u>

Approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 12 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Ian Abraham  
Trustee

Peter Gamble  
Trustee

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# Annual report

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## **DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

The charitable purpose of the presbytery is the advancement of religion.

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

## **ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

The presbytery meets on the first Tuesday of February, March, May, October, November and December, and on the second Tuesday of September and on other occasions as required. All meetings commence with a time of worship and are opened and closed with prayer.

The presbytery carries out the following activities:

Supports those applying to be candidates for the Ministry; installs Ordained ministers; provides pastoral support for ministers and their families; holds a number of events such as mission rallies and lectures; PW Link is an initiative of Presbyterian Women intended to improve communications and build relationships between Presbyterian Women. PW Link includes a representative from each congregations and runs events to support the mission and outreach of Presbytery. Unfortunately, such events were not possible this year.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

Although the effects of the global coronavirus pandemic were still evident the work of presbytery was largely back to normal, with all meetings held in person. The regular series of stated meetings, and the meetings of the various Commissions and Committees to which responsibilities were often delegated took place throughout the year. PW Link was able to meet again as normal.

As of 31 December the following numbers of personnel were under the care of Presbytery:

Ministers in active service:	19 (2021)	18 (2022)
Retired ministers	7 (2021)	9 (2022)
Students for the ministry	2 (2021)	4 (2022)

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

The presbytery also encourages congregations to contribute to the denomination's annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School project and any other special appeals.

### **General Assembly**

Presbyteries are represented on the various Councils of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and report on an annual basis to the General Assembly

### **Volunteers**

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on Presbytery, its commissions and panels.

### **PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the Christian Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of religion. The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and in the Church's subordinate standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms) leading to spiritual and moral development and opportunities for response to Bible teaching. In turn, this framework leads to practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need (including the sick, disabled and bereaved). Generally the above benefits are delivered locally by congregational churches and members, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other

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

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

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The presbytery's main source of income is an assessment that is levied on the congregations assigned to it and £14,174 was received in the current year (£12,755 in previous year, 2021)

As part of the accounts, PW Link received £796 and had expenditure of £757.

Total expenditure increased from £12,337 to £13,639. This includes a payment made to the Clerk of Presbytery for the responsibilities of that position.

The opening balance was £6,579 and the closing balance was £7,114. Overall, there was a surplus of £81.

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

As the presbytery'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 payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

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

Approved by the presbytery at a meeting on 12 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by

H. Archon 12/9/2023

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**Armagh Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106460

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# Annual return

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Charity Trustees of the  
Armagh Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> 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 the following Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signed:



Alison Rutherford FCA

1 Rosewood Park, Lurgan BT66 7AQ

Date: 5/9/2023