

The Ballymena Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 106461

Details

Known as	The Ballymena Presbytery
Status	Received
Registered	2017-04-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

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

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£41,307	£40,153	£0	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Albert Baxter		
Alistair Beattie		
Alistair Mccracken		
Anne Dines		
Brian Boyd		
D. Knowles		
Darran Mccorrison		
David Preston		
Dr Paul Hughes		
Eddie Kirk		
Emerson Mcdowell		
George Preston		
Harry Uprichard		
Ivan Davison		
Jim Heatherington		
Joseph Andrews		
Kyle Gilmour		
Liam Mcfetridge		
Linda Keys		
Mark Neilly		
Mark Rodgers		
Mervyn Rea		
Mervyn Williamson		
Mick Neil Mearns		
Mr Albert Henry Magill		
Mr Alexander Rankin		
Mr Charles Mcconnell		

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Colville James George Elliott		
Mr David John Galbraith		
Mr David Woodburn		
Mr Harold Richmond		
Mr James Alexander Gillan		
Mr James Alexander Turtle		
Mr Jonathan Gault		
Mr Joseph Small Close		
Mr Keith Dundas		
Mr Mark Allen		
Mr Michael Barkley Saunderson		
Mr Robert Mcneilly		
Mr Samuel Mckee		
Mr Tommy Simpson		
Mr Trevor Mcilhagga		
Philip Mccullough		
Rev Andrew James Frazer		
Rev Brian Mcmanus		
Rev Daniel John Kane		
Rev Dr David Alexander Murphy		
Rev Jeffrey Thomas Blue		
Rev John George Johnston		
Rev Joseph David Mcgaughey		
Rev Noel George Mulholland		
Rev Norman Cameron		
Rev Norman George Mcdowell		
Rev Steven Woods		
Rev William Edwin Chestnutt		

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev William Sinclair		
Rev. James A. Porter		
Richard Morrison		
Roland Watt		
Ronald Agnew		
Stephen Kennedy		
Stephen Kerr		
Tony Jackson		
Trevor Kane		
Very Rev Dr John Mateer Finlay		
William Moody		
William Dickey		
William Richmond		

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Accounts

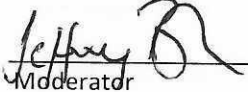
BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)
for the year ended 31st December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	17,222	6,135	-	23,358	4,348
Charitable activities	3	17,658	-	-	17,658	16,649
Other trading activities	4	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	5	61	-	-	61	32
Other	6	-	230	-	230	822
		<u>34,942</u>	<u>6,365</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,307</u>	<u>21,850</u>
Sale of investments		-	-	-	-	-
Sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loans received		-	-	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Receipts		<u>34,942</u>	<u>6,365</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,307</u>	<u>21,850</u>
Payments						
Raising funds	7	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	8	35,996	4,157	-	40,153	20,962
Investment costs		-	-	-	-	-
Other	9	-	-	-	-	-
		<u>35,996</u>	<u>4,157</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,153</u>	<u>20,962</u>
Purchase of investments		-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments		-	-	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Payments		<u>35,996</u>	<u>4,157</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,153</u>	<u>20,962</u>
Net receipts / (payments)		(1,055)	2,208	-	1,154	888
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(1,055)	2,208	-	1,154	888
Funds brought forward		<u>6,975</u>	<u>4,221</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,197</u>	<u>10,308</u>
Funds carried forward	12	<u>5,920</u>	<u>6,430</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,350</u>	<u>11,197</u>

BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITY
As at 31st December 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
<u>Funds reconciliation</u>					
Funds balance at start of year	6,975	4,221	-	11,197	10,308
Net movement in funds	(1,055)	2,208	-	1,154	888
Funds balance at end of year	5,920	6,430	-	12,350	11,197
<u>Bank and Cash Balances</u>					
Bank Deposit Accounts				-	-
Bank Current Accounts				12,350	11,197
Cash in Hand				-	-
				12,350	11,197
<u>Other Assets</u>					
Fixed Assets - Note 10				-	-
Investments - Note 11				-	-
Gift Aid receivable on donations				-	-
				-	-
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Loans				-	-
				-	-

Approved by the Presbytery at a meeting on 3rd March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:


 Moderator
 4th March 2025


 Clerk
 4th March 2025

BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31st December 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As the total income of the Presbytery is less than £250,000 the Presbytery have elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities (Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

FUND ACCOUNTING

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the Presbytery's discretion, the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific Presbytery activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the Presbytery's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the Presbytery for use in the future.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Recorded giving	17,222	299	-	17,521	1,774
Loose collections	-	4,587	-	4,587	2,574
Donations and gifts	-	1,250	-	1,250	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies and bequests	-	-	-	-	-
Total	17,222	6,135	-	23,358	4,348

BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31st December 2025

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Membership fees	17,658	-	-	17,658	16,649
Grants received	-	-	-	-	-
Total	17,658	-	-	17,658	16,649

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Letting of premises	-	-	-	-	-
Trading income	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Deposit interest	45	-	-	45	17
General Investment Fund	15	-	-	15	15
Other investment income	-	-	-	-	-
Total	61	-	-	61	32

BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31st December 2025

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	-	230	-	230	822
Total	-	230	-	230	822

7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Ministry and support staff costs	15,680	-	-	15,680	14,781
Presbytery running expenses	3,594	869	-	4,463	3,713
Donations to Missions and Charities	16,722	3,288	-	20,010	2,469
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-
Total	35,996	4,157	-	40,153	20,962

BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31st December 2025

9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Investment properties expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

10. FIXED ASSETS

The Presbytery does not own or have an interest in any property.

11. INVESTMENTS

	2025 £	2024 £
Details of the investment as at 31/12/25	-	-
Total	-	-

BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
 NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
 31st December 2025

12. FUND BALANCES

	Balance at start £	Receipts £	Payments £	Surplus / (Deficit) £	Transfer £	Balance at end £
Unrestricted Funds						
General Account	6,975	34,942	35,996	(1,055)	-	5,920.49
Total	6,975	34,942	35,996	(1,055)	-	5,920
Restricted Funds						
Youth Account	1,130	-	-	-	-	1,130
Mission worker account	1,601	2,553	273	2,281	-	3,881
Training account	1,091	230	291	(61)	-	1,030
Overseas Mission	-	2,567	2,567	-	-	-
PW Link	400	1,015	1,026	(11)	-	389
Total	4,221	6,365	4,157	2,208	-	6,430
Endowment Funds						
Bequest Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	11,197	41,307	40,153	1,154	-	12,350

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 106461

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

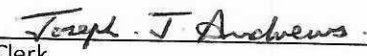
	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	1,598	2,750	-	4,348	3,939
Charitable activities	3	16,649	-	-	16,649	15,957
Other trading activities	4	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	5	32	-	-	32	27
Other	6	647	175	-	822	708
		<u>18,925</u>	<u>2,925</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,850</u>	<u>20,632</u>
Sale of investments		-	-	-	-	-
Sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loans received		-	-	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Receipts		<u>18,925</u>	<u>2,925</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,850</u>	<u>20,632</u>
Payments						
Raising funds	7	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	8	19,604	1,358	-	20,962	24,590
Investment costs		-	-	-	-	-
Other	9	-	-	-	-	-
		<u>19,604</u>	<u>1,358</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,962</u>	<u>24,590</u>
Purchase of investments		-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments		-	-	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Payments		<u>19,604</u>	<u>1,358</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,962</u>	<u>24,590</u>
Net receipts / (payments)		(679)	1,568	-	888	(3,958)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(679)	1,568	-	888	(3,958)
Funds brought forward		7,655	2,654	-	10,308	14,267
		<u>7,655</u>	<u>2,654</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,308</u>	<u>14,267</u>
Funds carried forward	12	6,975	4,221	-	11,197	10,308
		<u>6,975</u>	<u>4,221</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,197</u>	<u>10,308</u>

BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITY
As at 31st December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<u>Funds reconciliation</u>					
Funds balance at start of year	7,655	2,654	-	10,308	11,911
Net movement in funds	(679)	1,568	-	888	(1,602)
Funds balance at end of year	6,975	4,221	-	11,197	10,308
<u>Bank and Cash Balances</u>					
Bank Deposit Accounts				-	-
Bank Current Accounts				11,197	10,308
Cash in Hand				-	-
				11,197	10,308
<u>Other Assets</u>					
Fixed Assets - Note 10				-	-
Investments - Note 11				-	-
Gift Aid receivable on donations				-	-
				-	-
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Loans				-	-
				-	-

Approved by the Presbytery at a meeting on 4th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:


 Moderator
 4th March 2025


 Clerk
 4th March 2025

BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
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31st December 2024

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Recorded giving	1,598	176	-	1,774	1,550
Loose collections	-	2,574	-	2,574	2,389
Donations and gifts	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies and bequests	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,598	2,750	-	4,348	3,939

BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31st December 2024

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income from charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Membership fees	16,649	-	-	16,649	15,957
Grants received	-	-	-	-	-
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Total	16,649	-	-	16,649	15,957

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Letting of premises	-	-	-	-	-
Trading income	-	-	-	-	-
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Total	-	-	-	-	-

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Deposit interest	17	-	-	17	16
General Investment Fund	15	-	-	15	12
Other investment income	-	-	-	-	-
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Total	32	-	-	32	27

BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31st December 2024

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	647	175	-	822	708
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Total	647	175	-	822	708
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7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
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Total	-	-	-	-	-
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8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Ministry and support staff costs	14,781	-	-	14,781	14,079
Presbytery running expenses	3,226	487	-	3,713	5,256
Donations to Missions and Charities	1,598	871	-	2,469	5,255
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-
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Total	19,604	1,358	-	20,962	24,590
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BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31st December 2024

9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Investment properties expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

10. FIXED ASSETS

The Presbytery does not own or have an interest in any property.

11. INVESTMENTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Details of the investment as at 31/12/24	-	-
Total	-	-

BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
 NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
 31st December 2024

12. FUND BALANCES

	Balance at start £	Receipts £	Payments £	Surplus / (Deficit) £	Transfer £	Balance at end £
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>						
General Account	7,655	18,925	19,604	(679)	-	6,975
Total	7,655	18,925	19,604	(679)	-	6,975
<u>Restricted Funds</u>						
Youth Account	1,130	-	-	-	-	1,130
Mission worker account	-	1,723	123	1,601	-	1,601
Training account	1,141	175	225	(50)	-	1,091
PW Link	383	1,027	1,010	17	-	400
Total	2,654	2,925	1,358	1,568	-	4,221
<u>Endowment Funds</u>						
Bequest Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	10,308	21,850	20,962	888	-	11,197

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 106461

Annual report

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

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC106461)

**THE BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN
IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The Ballymena Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
24 Grasmere, Coleraine BT52 2DJ
Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC106461)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Rev William Moody	Rev Stephen Kennedy	Rev Philip McCullough
Rev Mark Neilly	Eric McCallum	Rev Jeffrey Blue
Rev Joseph Andrews	Rev Alistair McCracken	Rev Norman McDowell
Rev Darran McCorrison	Rev Matthew Boyd	Very Rev Dr Russell Birney
Rev William Sinclair	Rev Linda Keys	Rev William Dickey
Dennis Hanna	Robert Reid	Very Rev Dr John Finlay
Rev Edwin Chestnutt	Colin Patton	Rev Eddie Kirk
Trevor McIlhagga	Tom Heaney (Resigned 31/03/2024)	Rev Desmond Knowles
Rev Norman Cameron	Rev John Brogan	Rev Kenneth McConnell
Rev Alistair Bates	Tommy Simpson	Rev George Preston
Rev Daniel Kane	Albert Magill	Very Rev Dr Harry Uprichard
Angela McClintock	Dr Paul Hughes	Rev Ronald Agnew
Rev Alistair Beattie	Rev Richard Morrison	Rev Philip Thompson
Rev George Johnston	Noel Connor	Rev David McGaughey
Rev Brian McManus	Robin Fowler	Brian Alexander
David Preston	Mark Hood	David Shaw
Rev Dr David Murphy	Hugh Young	Alistair Hamill
Derek Patterson	Rev Trevor Kane	Alexander Rankin
Samuel McKee	Junior Whyte	Nick Greer
Rev Noel Mulholland	David John Galbraith	David Woodburn
Rev Brian Boyd	Brian McKinstry	James McWilliams
Rev Roland Watt	Adrian Lowry	Anne Dines
James Gillan	James Harris	Colville Elliott
Rev Albert Baxter	Rev Emerson McDowell	Mark Rodgers
Adrian Moody		

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Moderator
Clerk of Presbytery
Finance Convener / Deputy Clerk

Rev Philip McCullough
Rev Joseph Andrews
Mr David Preston

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mr John Finnegan
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Ballymena
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BANKERS

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THE BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual 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 Ballymena Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

Ahoghill - Brookside	Broughshane - First	Eskylane
Ahoghill - First	Broughshane - Second	Glenarm
Ahoghill - Trinity	Buckna	Glenwherry
Ballee	Cairnalbana	Grange with Craigmore
Ballykeel	Carnlough/Cushendall	Kells
Ballyloughan	Churchtown	Killymurriss
First Ballymena	Clough	Newtowncrommelin
Harryville	Cloughwater	Portglenone - First
High Kirk	Connor	Townhill
Wellington	Cuninghame Memorial	Rasharkin
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elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation. This provides an important link between the congregations and the wider structures of the church

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All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the ministers in active duty in the congregation, 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, administration 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

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

The Ballymena 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.

The presbytery's mission purposes are in line with those 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

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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.

GOD CALLS US TO A SHARED LIFE
in which we love, honour and are reconciled to one another
whilst respecting our diversity
within the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.
We are called to encourage
the exercise of the gifts of every member of the Body
for the work of ministry and,
seeking the renewal of the whole Church,
to co-operate with other parts of Christ's Church
without betrayal of our convictions.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM with our whole lives,
meeting together in groups large and small
and gathering especially on the Lord's Day
for the preaching and study of His Word,
the celebration of the sacraments
and the offering of prayer and praise with reverence and joy,
using language, form and music appropriate
both to Scripture and to our time and culture.

GOD CALLS US TO MISSION as witnesses to Christ
through both evangelism and social witness
challenging the values of the world in which we live
with the values of God's kingdom
and winning men and women to faith and discipleship.
This mission is to be pursued amongst all the people of Ireland
and the peoples of the European Community and the whole world:
those with whom we feel comfortable,
those from whom we feel alienated
and those who are in any way distant from us in culture and faith.

WE OURSELVES ARE CHALLENGED with a biblical discipleship
which is radical in its
self denial, simplicity of lifestyle,

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stewardship of money,
faithful relationships,
prayerfulness,
concern for the world which God has created
and love for its people whom he loves
and for whose salvation He gave his Son.

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

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

The presbytery carries out the following activities

- Supports those candidating for the Ministry
- Installs Ordained ministers
- Provides pastoral support for ministers and their families
- Holds a number of events such as Youth, Overseas and Irish Mission Rallies
- PW Link is an initiative of Presbyterian Women intended to improve communications and build relationships between Presbyterian Women. PW links include a representative from each congregations and run events to support the mission and outreach of Presbytery.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

A regular series of stated meetings were held during 2024 carrying out the business of the Presbytery. It was a busy year with considerable work required to deal with matters before it. Much of this work was delegated to various Commissions and Committees.

At the 31 December the following numbers of persons were under the care of Presbytery

	2024	2023
Minister in active service in congregations	22	27
Retired Ministers	21	19
Licentiates	1	0
Students for the Ministry	0	0

During the year credentials were received from another Presbytery in respect of 1 minister who was installed in a congregation assigned to the Presbytery. Credentials were presented to another Presbytery in respect of two minister who were called to congregations in another Presbytery.

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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 denominations 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

Property

Presbytery neither holds nor has interest in any property.

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.

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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.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

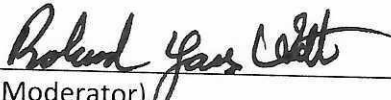
The Presbytery's main source of income is an assessment that is levied on the congregations assigned to it and £16,649 was received in the current year (£15,957 in previous year, 2023). Total expenditure decreased from £24,590 to £20,962. This expenditure includes payments made to the Clerk of Presbytery, Deputy Clerk and Finance Convener for the responsibilities of their respective positions.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

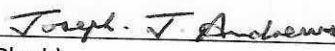
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the presbytery in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice. As the presbytery's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities 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 4th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by



(Moderator)
4th March 2025



(Clerk)
4th March 2025

The Ballymena Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106461

Annual return

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE
BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

I report on the accounts of the Ballymena Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- 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.

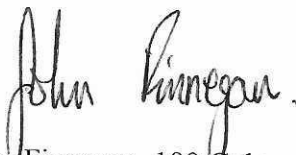
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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.



03 April 2025.

John Finnegan, 190 Galgorm Road, Ballymena BT42 1HL

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Accounts

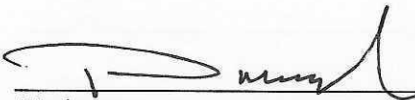
BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)
for the year ended 31st December 2023


	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	1,550	2,389	-	3,939	1,155
Charitable activities	3	15,957	-	-	15,957	16,334
Other trading activities	4	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	5	27	-	-	27	29
Other	6	-	3,064	-	3,064	708
		<u>17,535</u>	<u>5,453</u>	-	<u>22,988</u>	<u>18,225</u>
Sale of investments		-	-	-	-	-
Sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loans received		-	-	-	-	-
		<u>17,535</u>	<u>5,453</u>	-	<u>22,988</u>	<u>18,225</u>
Total Receipts						
		<u>17,535</u>	<u>5,453</u>	-	<u>22,988</u>	<u>18,225</u>
Payments						
Raising funds	7	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	8	17,618	6,972	-	24,590	17,342
Investment costs		-	-	-	-	-
Other	9	-	-	-	-	-
		<u>17,618</u>	<u>6,972</u>	-	<u>24,590</u>	<u>17,342</u>
Purchase of investments		-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loan repayments		-	-	-	-	-
		<u>17,618</u>	<u>6,972</u>	-	<u>24,590</u>	<u>17,342</u>
Total Payments						
		<u>17,618</u>	<u>6,972</u>	-	<u>24,590</u>	<u>17,342</u>
Net receipts / (payments)		(83)	(1,519)	-	(1,602)	884
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(83)	(1,519)	-	(1,602)	884
Funds brought forward		<u>7,738</u>	<u>4,173</u>	-	<u>11,911</u>	<u>11,027</u>
Funds carried forward	12	<u>7,655</u>	<u>2,654</u>	-	<u>10,308</u>	<u>11,911</u>

BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITY
As at 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<u>Funds reconciliation</u>					
Funds balance at start of year	7,738	4,173	-	11,911	11,027
Net movement in funds	(83)	(1,519)	-	(1,602)	884
Funds balance at end of year	7,655	2,654	-	10,308	11,911
<u>Bank and Cash Balances</u>					
Bank Deposit Accounts				-	-
Bank Current Accounts				10,308	11,911
Cash in Hand				-	-
				10,308	11,911
<u>Other Assets</u>					
Fixed Assets - Note 10				-	-
Investments - Note 11				-	-
Gift Aid receivable on donations				-	-
				-	-
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Loans				-	-
				-	-

Approved by the Presbytery at a meeting on 5th March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


 Moderator
 5th March 2024


 Clerk
 5th March 2024

BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31st December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As the total income of the Presbytery is less than £250,000 the Presbytery have elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities (Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

FUND ACCOUNTING

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the Presbytery's discretion, the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific Presbytery activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the Presbytery's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the Presbytery for use in the future.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Recorded giving	1,550	-	-	1,550	1,155
Loose collections	-	2,389	-	2,389	-
Donations and gifts	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies and bequests	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1,550	2,389	-	3,939	1,155

BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31st December 2023

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Membership fees	15,957	-	-	15,957	16,334
Grants received	-	-	-	-	-
Total	15,957	-	-	15,957	16,334

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Letting of premises	-	-	-	-	-
Trading income	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Deposit interest	16	-	-	16	17
General Investment Fund	12	-	-	12	12
Rents investment properties	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment income	-	-	-	-	-
Total	27	-	-	27	29

BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31st December 2023

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	-	3,064	-	3,064	708
Total	-	3,064	-	3,064	708

7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
FWO envelopes	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
General Assembly Assessments	-	-	-	-	-
Ministry and support staff costs	14,079	-	-	14,079	14,010
Presbytery running expenses	1,931	3,324	-	5,256	2,072
Donations to Missions and Charities	1,607	3,648	-	5,255	1,260
Governance costs	-	-	-	-	-
Total	17,618	6,972	-	24,590	17,342

BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31st December 2023

9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Investment properties expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

10. FIXED ASSETS

The Presbytery does not own or have an interest in any property.

11. INVESTMENTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Details of the investment as at 31/12/23	-	-
Total	-	-

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31st December 2023

12. FUND BALANCES

	Balance at start £	Receipts £	Payments £	Surplus / (Deficit) £	Transfer £	Balance at end £
Unrestricted Funds						
General Account	7,738	17,535	17,618	(83)	-	7,655
Total	7,738	17,535	17,618	(83)	-	7,655
Restricted Funds						
Youth Account	1,130	-	-	-	-	1,130
Mission Account	1,256	1,583	2,838	(1,256)	-	(0)
Training account	1,239	324	423	(99)	-	1,141
PW Link	548	3,547	3,712	(165)	-	383
Total	4,173	5,453	6,972	(1,519)	-	2,654
Endowment Funds						
Bequest Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	11,911	22,988	24,590	(1,602)	-	10,308

The Ballymena Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106461

Annual report

**THE BALLYMENA 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 (NIC106461)

THE BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN 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 as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The Ballymena Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
24 Grasmere, Coleraine BT52 2DJ

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CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Rev William Moody	James Gillan	Henry Lamont
Rev Mark Neilly	Rev Albert Baxter	Tom Heaney
Rev Brian Smyth	Rev Philip Mccullough	Rev John Brogan
Rev Joseph Andrews	Rev Jeffrey Blue	Tommy Simpson
James Lamont	Rev Norman McDowell	Norman Kennedy
Rev Martin McNeely	Very Rev Dr Russell Birney	Henry Magill
Rev Darran McCorriston	Rev William Dickey	Ian Johnston
Rev William Sinclair	Very Rev Dr John Finlay	Dr Paul Hughes
Dennis Hanna	Rev Eddie Kirk	Rev Richard Morrison
Rev Edwin Chestnutt	Rev Desmond Knowles	Noel Connor
Trevor McIlhagga	Rev Kenneth McConnell	Robin Fowler
Rev Norman Cameron	Rev George Preston	Mark Hood
Rev Alistair Bates	Very Rev Dr Harry Uprichard	Hugh Young
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Rev Dr David Murphy	Rev Matthew Boyd	Adrian Lowry
Derek Patterson	Rev Linda Keys	James Harris
Samuel McKee	Robert Reid	Samuel Kirkpatrick
Rev Noel Mulholland	Colin Patton	Rev Emerson McDowell
Rev Brian Boyd	William Smyth	Rev David McGaughey
Rev Roland Watt		Brian Alexander

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Moderator
Clerk of Presbytery
Finance Convener / Deputy Clerk

Rev Alistair Bates
Rev Joseph Andrews
Mr David Preston

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mr John Finnegan
190 Galgorm Road
Ballymena
BT42 1HL

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Belfast BT1 6JS

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STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual 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 Ballymena Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

Ahoghill - Brookside	Broughshane - First	Eskylane
Ahoghill - First	Broughshane - Second	Glenarm
Ahoghill - Trinity	Buckna	Glenwherry
Ballee	Cairnabana	Grange with Craigmore
Ballykeel	Carnlough/Cushendall	Kells
Ballyloughan	Churchtown	Killymurriss
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DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

The Ballymena 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.

The presbytery's mission purposes are in line with those of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland:

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND,
as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ
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and exists to love and honour God

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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.

GOD CALLS US TO A SHARED LIFE

in which we love, honour and are reconciled to one another
whilst respecting our diversity
within the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

We are called to encourage
the exercise of the gifts of every member of the Body
for the work of ministry and,
seeking the renewal of the whole Church,
to co-operate with other parts of Christ's Church
without betrayal of our convictions.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM with our whole lives,
meeting together in groups large and small
and gathering especially on the Lord's Day
for the preaching and study of His Word,
the celebration of the sacraments
and the offering of prayer and praise with reverence and joy,
using language, form and music appropriate
both to Scripture and to our time and culture.

GOD CALLS US TO MISSION as witnesses to Christ
through both evangelism and social witness
challenging the values of the world in which we live
with the values of God's kingdom
and winning men and women to faith and discipleship.
This mission is to be pursued amongst all the people of Ireland
and the peoples of the European Community and the whole world:
those with whom we feel comfortable,
those from whom we feel alienated
and those who are in any way distant from us in culture and faith.

WE OURSELVES ARE CHALLENGED with a biblical discipleship
which is radical in its
self denial, simplicity of lifestyle,

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stewardship of money,
faithful relationships,
prayerfulness,
concern for the world which God has created
and love for its people whom he loves
and for whose salvation He gave his Son.

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

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

The presbytery carries out the following activities

- Supports those candidating for the Ministry
- Installs Ordained ministers
- Provides pastoral support for ministers and their families
- Holds a number of events such as Youth, Overseas and Irish Mission Rallies
- PW Link is an initiative of Presbyterian Women intended to improve communications and build relationships between Presbyterian Women. PW links include a representative from each congregations and run events to support the mission and outreach of Presbytery. During the year there were two Link meetings held i.e. Spring Celebration and a ladies breakfast

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

A regular series of stated meetings were held during 2023 carrying out the business of the Presbytery. It was a busy year with considerable work required to deal with matters before it. Much of this work was delegated to various Commissions and Committees.

At the 31 December the following numbers of persons were under the care of Presbytery

	2023	2022
Minister in active service in congregations	27	25
Retired Ministers	19	19
Licentiates	0	0
Students for the Ministry	0	1

During the year credentials were received from another Presbytery in respect of 1 minister who was installed in a congregation assigned to the Presbytery. Credentials were presented to another Presbytery in respect of one licentiates who were assigned to congregations in another Presbytery.

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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 denominations 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

Property

Presbytery neither holds nor has interest in any property.

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.

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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.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Presbytery's main source of income is an assessment that is levied on the congregations assigned to it and £15,957 was received in the current year (£16,334 in previous year, 2022)

Total expenditure increased from £17,342 to £24,590. This expenditure includes payments made to the Clerk of Presbytery, Deputy Clerk and Finance Convener for the responsibilities of their respective positions.


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) 208 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 5th March 2024 and signed on its behalf by



(Moderator)
5th March 2024



(Clerk)
5th March 2024

The Ballymena Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106461

Annual return

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BALLYMENA PRESBYTERY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

I report on the accounts of the Ballymena Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland 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.

John Finnegan 03/05/2024.

John Finnegan, 190 Galgorm Road, Ballymena BT42 1HL