

The Down Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 106482

Details

Known as	The Down Presbytery
Status	Received
Registered	2017-05-12
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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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
2024-12-31	£17,406	£16,906	£0	2

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Gordon McMullen		
Ivor Taylor		
Lyn Dunlop		
Miss Isobel Margaret Elizabeth Brown		
Mr Brian John Mcgibbon		
Mr Bruce Mitchell		
Mr Daniel Lowe		
Mr David Rea		
Mr Geoffrey Brown		
Mr George Hanna		
Mr Robert Andrew Courtenay		
Mr Robert Shields		
Mr Stanley Mcfarland		
Mrs Evelyn Brown		
Mrs Jill Mckee		
Mrs Margaret Broome		
Rev Alan Burke		
Rev Alan Johnston		
Rev Alistair Stewart Smyth		
Rev Andrew Conway		
Rev Brian Small		
Rev David Bingham		
Rev Dr Graham Connor		
Rev Dr Samuel Bostock		
Rev Grant Connor		
Rev Hiram Higgins		
Rev John Torrens		

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Jonathan Boyd		
Rev Mark Spratt		
Rev Maurice Stewart		
Rev Owen Patterson		
Rev Robert Ernest Boggs		
Rev Robert McMaster Mackay		
Rev Scott Woodburn		
Rev William John Patterson		

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Accounts

Statement of assets and Liabilities - Year Ended 31st December 2024

Fund Reconciliation	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank & in hand 31.12.2023	21671	324		21994.98	21928
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	587	-86		501	67
Cash at bank & in hand 31.12.2024	22258	238		22496	21995.00

Bank & Cash Balances

Bank Current Account	22258	238		22496	
Cash in Hand				0	
				22496	

Liabilities				Nil	Nil
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Statement of Receipts & Payments - Year Ended 31st December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Presbytery Fees	15624			15624	14900
PW		1713		1713	0
Bank Interest	69			69	53
Sundries					381
	15693	1713		17406	15334

Payments

Allowances & expenses (Clerk)	10455			10455	9921
Pastor Pastorum	1000			1000	1000
Grants	500			500	500
Charitable Donations	2500			2500	2500
Governance Costs	651	1800		2451	1346
Total Payments	15106	1800	0	16906.01	15267

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	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank & in hand 31.12.2022	21434	494		21928	21389
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	237	-170		67	539
Cash at bank & in hand 31.12.2023	21671	324		21995	21928

Bank & Cash Balances

Bank Current Account	21995
Cash in Hand	0
	21995

Liabilities Nil Nil

Statement of Receipts & Payments - Year Ended 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Presbytery Fees	14900			14900	13413
PW		0		0	1155
Bank Interest	53			53	56
Sundries	381			381	
	15334	0		15334	14624
Payments					
Allowances & expenses (Clerk)	9921			9921	8536
Pastor Pastorum	1000			1000	1000
Grants	500			500	250
Charitable Donations	2500			2500	2500
Governance Costs	1176	170		1346	1799
Total Payments	15097	170	0	15267	14085

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Annual report

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland - Presbytery of Down – Annual Report

The Presbytery has met on six occasions in the past year to conduct the Business of the Presbytery, overseeing the work, witness and outreach of the congregations under its care. This includes providing the necessary pastoral and pulpit supply in congregations where there is a ministerial vacancy. Election and Ordination of ruling elders contributes to the spiritual oversight in congregations.

The development of events for the youth of the Presbytery has meant that young people from across the Presbytery can meet together for Fellowship, Bible Teaching and Social interaction.

Another innovation was that of the Presbytery Academy. This is a monthly meeting for anyone within Presbytery to gather for a time of in-depth teaching on theological topics.

Presbytery continues to discuss ways of enhancing the pastoral care of the members of the twenty congregations within the Presbytery bounds.

With changing demographics and limited resources in personnel, as part of a Church-wide discussion, Presbytery is continuing to develop plans for reconfiguration of ministry; to consolidate areas of outreach, identify needs and support local initiatives in the advancement God's kingdom.

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of THE Down PRESBYTERY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

I report on the accounts of the Presbytery 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; and
- 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; and
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.



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22 August 2024

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	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank & in hand 31.12.2021	21389			21389	24391
Surplus/(deficit) this year end	583	-44		539	-3002
Cash at bank & in hand 31.12.2022	21972	-44		21928	21389

Bank & Cash Balances

Bank Current Account	21928
Cash in Hand	0
	21928

Liabilities

Nil Nil

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Presbytery Fees	13413			13413	10274
PW		1155		1155	0
Bank Interest	56			56	64
	13469	0	1155	14624	10338
Payments					
Allowances & expenses (Clerk)	8536			8536	8298
Pastor Pastorum	1000			1000	1000
Grants	250			250	500
Charitable Donations	2500			2500	2500
Governance Costs	600	1199		1799	1042
Total Payments	12886	1199	0	14085	13340

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