

Carrickfergus Reformed Presbyterian Church

Northern Ireland · Charity number 106644

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2017-06-01
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: The purpose of the RPCI is to support and advance the Christian Faith according to the Word of God and in accordance with the 'Book of Government and Order of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), Men, Older people, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£63,474	£59,596	£0	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Jonathan Heggarty		
Mr Ronnie Loughridge		
Peter		
Rev Nathan Hawthorne		

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	33,158	150	-	33,308	25,264
	Development Fund	37,738	14,115	-	51,853	36,847
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	70,896	14,265	-	85,161	62,111
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
		Total	-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Church Manse	Restricted	-	200,000	200,000
	Church Building	Restricted	-	250,000	250,000
	Manse fixtures & Fittings	Unrestricted	-	20,000	20,000
	Church Fixtures & Fittings	Unrestricted	-	20,000	20,000
	Equipment	Unrestricted	-	20,000	20,000
	Larne Reformed Presbyterian Church Building	Restricted	-	150,000	150,000
	Gift Aid to be claimed	Unrestricted	-	7,478	
		Total	-	667,478	660,000

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities	Manse Loan	Restricted			39,310
	Church Building Loan	Restricted			149,000
					-
					-
					-
		Total		-	188,310

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

Signature
R Loughridge

Print Name
Ronald Loughridge

Date of approval
31/10/2024

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Carrickfergus Reformed Presbyterian Church. Session Report for Year 2023.

"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth" Psalm 46:10.

In the midst of a changing world, we are comforted and assured by the fact that our God is unchanging. His Word is sure and steadfast and feeds our deepest needs when our spirits are troubled by the waywardness of our nation. It also leads us to praise when we reflect on His great mercy in giving us His own Son to be our Saviour and His Spirit to direct and inspire us in serving Him.

Preaching Ministry. Being still without a settled pastor we have been led in worship and have had God's Word skillfully ministered to us by 25 different men. We made out 2 calls during the year, both were declined.

Sacraments The Lord's Supper was observed 3 times with an average attendance of 15. In February, Prof. Peel led us in studies from Matthew ch 5 entitled "Christ's eight steps to happiness". In May we were encouraged to come the Table through studies from John ch 6 on "Jesus, the Bread of life". In November Rev. Hawthorne took as the Communion theme "The Lamb" from Revelation ch 14.

Prayer life of the congregation. There is a good spirit of prayer within the congregation supported by good attendances at the prayer times. We continue to have a period of prayer before the evening service when the service is prayed for together with the needs of members and friends, local outreach and mission. There are also periods of prayer after the mid-week Bible study and within the meetings of both Women's and Men's Fellowship.

Session Meetings. Session met formally on 11 occasions to oversee the work of the congregation and to serve at the Lord's Table. Meetings open with devotions and a period of corporate prayer followed by constitution of the court, apologies, agenda agreed, minutes, business of the meeting, next meeting arranged, closing prayer and dissolution of the court.

Changes in the roll. We have a membership of 21 from 16 family units, 8 covenant children and 6 adherents. One disjunction certificate was issued and one covenant child born during the year.

Average attendances. Morning service 23, evening service 18, prayer meeting 10 and mid-week 9.

Evangelism. Preaching to those attending worship, personal conversation with those frequenting the refreshment stall at the town market and also the coffee morning at the church. Members have one to one spiritual conversations with friends and colleagues.

Matters of pastoral concern. Nothing unusual at this time.

Assessment of spiritual life of congregation. The congregation is in good spiritual health with good open interaction among the people. We have regular visitors, especially at the evening service, and they are welcomed and made to feel included in the meeting.

Encouragements. The willingness of members to be involved in the different aspects of the work of the congregation. The appreciation shown by visitors for the ministry of the Word and the friendship and fellowship of the congregation.

Challenges. We are a small congregation, top heavy with senior citizens and a lack of younger persons to carry the congregation forward, especially men to train for ordained office. While we greatly appreciate the ministry of visiting preachers and the work of the Interim Moderator, we feel the lack of continuity and the need of a settled pastor to lead the congregation forward and better utilize the potential of evangelizing in the community.

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart, since as members of one body you were called to peace, and be thankful" Col 3:15.

Carrickfergus Session.

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

I report on the accounts of Carrickfergus Reformed Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31st December, 2022.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

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

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

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

Name: Elizabeth McDaniel

Address: 6 Twanburn Road Newtownabbey BT37 0EL

Date: 20.10.23

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2022	To	31/12/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Freewill offerings & Collections	31,296.00	1,823.00		33,119.00	28,213.00
Development Funds 2021					
Gift Aid	4,231.00			4,231.00	3,980.00
Trustees of Larne Reformed Presbyterian Church	11,690.00	188,310.00		200,000.00	
Congregational Aid Fund					5,000.00
Literature		166.00		166.00	291.00
Fee Returned - Pulpit Supply	112.00			112.00	180.00
Donations	761.00			761.00	852.00
Ukraine Appeal		1,649.00		1,649.00	
Gambia Appeal		110.50		110.50	
Market Refreshment Stall-Donations	385.00			385.00	1,175.00
Macmillan Coffee Morning					200.00
Water Rates Refund - Larne RPC	104.00			104.00	200.00
Expenses - Larne RPC 2021	3,617.00			3,617.00	
Rental Income - Manse	7,200.00			7,200.00	
Bank Interest	76.00			76.00	
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	59,472.00	192,058.50	0.00	251,530.50	40,091.00
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Loan repayments received		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
A2 Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total receipts	59,472.00	192,058.50	0.00	251,530.50	40,091.00
A3 Payments					
Minister's Salary					13,858.00
Interim Moderator - Fee	2,240.00			2,240.00	
Visiting Preachers - Fees	5,847.00		0.00	5,847.00	3,551.00
Student Support	761.00		0.00	761.00	660.00
Manse Repayment		39,310.00	0.00	39,310.00	425.00
Manse - Ground Rent	68.00			68.00	
Manse - LPS Rates	881.00			881.00	
Manse - Insurance	599.00			599.00	
Manse - Electricity	1,263.00			1,263.00	
Manse - Maintenance	3,408.00			3,408.00	
Rental Advice Fees	450.00			450.00	
Church Building Repayment		149,000.00		149,000.00	
Church Insurance	986.00			986.00	
Church Water Rates	353.00			353.00	
Church Electricity	1,339.00			1,339.00	
Church Phone/Internet	375.00			375.00	
Fire Protection Maintenance	105.00			105.00	
Church expenses	776.00		0.00	776.00	2,568.00
Larne RPC Insurance	3,349.00			3,349.00	3,617.00
Larne RPC Water Rates	78.00			78.00	
Mission & Ministry Contributions	5,209.00		0.00	5,209.00	3,658.00
Gambia Appeal		111.00		111.00	
Ukraine Appeal		1,434.00		1,434.00	
Printing & Advertising					15.00
General Expenses	824.00			824.00	922.00
Books and Magazines	651.00	166.00		817.00	175.00
Macmillan Coffee Morning				0.00	200.00
A3 Sub total	29,562.00	190,021.00	0.00	219,583.00	29,649.00
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					

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Purchase of investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Loans made	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A4 Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total payments	29,562.00	190,021.00	0.00	219,583.00	29,649.00
Net of receipts/(payments)	29,910.00	2,037.50	0.00	31,947.50	10,442.00
A5 Transfers between funds	2,771.82	-2,771.82		0.00	0.00
A6 Cash funds last year end	15,899.00	14,264.00		30,163.00	19,721.00
Cash funds this year end	48,580.82	13,529.68	0.00	62,110.50	30,163.00

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“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth!” Psalm 46:10.

1) We give thanks for the many ways our triune God has led and blessed us. Throughout the vacancy the Word has been faithfully ministered to us week by week by gifted men, feeding our souls, hearts and minds as they led us to the throne of grace. The variety and relevance of the sermons preached have brought encouragement and challenge. It has been a quiet year for the congregation with members prayerfully reflecting on the vacancy and are now beginning to consider the next step towards making a call for a new under Shepherd. Session has had the opportunity to discuss with members where each one is in their thinking.

2) **Preaching Ministry.** We have had 23 preachers over the year, all of whom have brought us enlightenment, encouragement and challenge. Members who are able to come to the meeting house attend faithfully with reverence and an expectation of God's blessing by His Word and Spirit. Those confined to home are diligent in listening in real time to the YouTube broadcasts.

3) **The Sacraments.** We observed three uplifting communion seasons, when Prof. Peel led us in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. There was an average attendance of 17. In February, from Mark ch.15, we considered 'Christ the Suffering Servant'. In June the theme from Ps 51 was 'Great sin – Great salvation'. In October our focus from Eph. Ch. 2 was on 'Bad news and Good news'. Following the lead of Synod, we renewed our vows to God in a solemn service on Sabbath 18th December 2022. In preparation for this, Prof. Robert McCollum preached four sermons on Covenanting and Covenant Renewal in which we were reminded afresh that as God's elect, chosen people we are called to a life of holy living, witness and service to our God and Saviour.

4) **Corporate Prayer.** The core members are very diligent about making use of the prayer opportunities and some also meet in small groups for specific needs. The elders meet before the morning service to pray for the services, the preacher and two families each week from the membership. There is also a congregational prayer time before the evening service and also in the Wednesday night midweek

5) **Meetings of Session.** Session met formally on 14 occasions to oversee the work in the congregation. We are thankful to God and to the Trinity Session for two interim elders, Dr John McKelvey and Mr Stanley Wilson to work along with us in the leadership of the congregation. Meetings commence with a Scripture reading and a comment on it followed by a period of corporate prayer. The moderator constitutes the court, minutes are dealt with, agenda agreed and the business enacted. The meeting is closed in prayer and the court dissolved.

6) **Roll changes.** Our membership numbers have dropped over the year. One family has relocated due to work and Mr John Coulter, on completion of his theological studies, accepted a call to the pastorate of Drimbolg congregation. The transfer of a family of 7 plus 2 other adherents from Trinity congregation are a great blessing to our fellowship and especially our Sabbath School. Two of our regular visitors met with us at the Lord's Table. Two disjunction certificates were issued.

At the end of 2021 we had 24 members from 18 homes, 3 covenant children and 5 adherents.

At the end of 2022 we have 22 members from 16 homes, 6 covenant children and 9 adherents.

Sabbath School. Year 2021, 1 student. Year 2022, 4 students. CY. Year 2021 Suspended, Year 2022. Meeting with Trinity CY.

7) **Attendance.** Averages relates only to those attending in person : -

2022 Morning 21. Evening 18. Evening Prayer Meeting 10. Midweek 9. Communion 17.

2021 Morning 16. Evening 11. Evening Prayer Meeting 8. Midweek 10. Communion 15

8) **Evangelism/Outreach.** We have not hosted any large outreach events this year. The ladies in their craft evenings have welcomed visitors. A midweek regularly set aside for personal outreach gives flexibility to meet with others for sharing, encouragement and prayer. This year we have welcomed seven people who regularly attend worship, some of whom are in fellowship in other churches but appreciated the ministry in our congregation. All our services are broadcast and available on YouTube. At the 'Coffee Stop' refreshment stall at the town market we have sought by word and example to communicate the Gospel of Grace to traders and shoppers alike. Our refreshments, given in the name of Christ, are appreciated by many. Copies of Mark's Gospel were given to the traders at Christmas and we are distributing more among the shoppers in the coming year. A busy market is a challenging place to share the gospel.

9) **Pastoral Challenges.** No matters at present. 10) **Spiritual Life.** There is a depth of spirituality within our core membership demonstrated in faithful attendance at worship, warm caring relationships, acts of service and a desire to reach out to others.

11) **Encouragements** The unity of the congregation, support through the ministry of supply preachers, the desire of the congregation to have a new minister, two interim elders, a new family joining us and visitors returning regularly.

Challenges - The need for new converts/members, the lack of young people, the upper age profile of the congregation, the plight of the droves of lost in our town and the failure of Bible teaching in some churches

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