

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Ireland, Lisburn Preparative Meeting

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107094

Details

Known as Friends Meeting House Lisburn Lisburn Preparative Meeting

Status Received

Registered 2018-06-11

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

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Activities

Purposes: The object of the Preparative Meeting is the advancement of the general religious purposes of the Religious Society of Friends by the following means, in so far as they are exclusively charitable: i. Strengthening the Christian understanding and religious development of the Quaker meeting both in the geographical area of the Preparative Meeting and beyond; ii. Contributing financially and practically to the relief of suffering at home and abroad; iii. Providing for the pastoral care of individual Members and Attenders including assistance to those in need.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

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
2025-12-31	£26,970	£22,547	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christopher Lane		
Janet Cameron		
Martin Mail		

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Accounts

Lisburn Preparative Meeting Statement of accounts for the year ending December 2025 for Charity Commission

Meeting Income		Meeting Expenses	
Subscriptions and gift aid	7225.89	Monthly Meeting Moieties	4352.28
NICIFC returns and Bank Int	5167.24		
Use of Meeting House	nil	Website	192.00
Quakers in Lisburn Book	279.19	Insurance	355.36
misc	500.00*	Other	102.73
Total	13172.32		5002.37
		Donations	
		Charity Committee (Christian Aid 1500, StoreHouse 2000, Quaker Service 2500, Quaker Boliva Link 1000, Scripture Union NI E3 1000., Open Doors 1100, Emerge counselling 900)	10000.00
total			10000.00
Property Income	13798.00	Property expenses	
		Insurance	2723.45
		Rates	nil
		Solicitors	706.00
		Repairs	3500.00
		Care of burial ground	615.00
Total	13798.00	Total	7544.45
Total income 2025	26970.00	Total expenses 2025	22546.82
Balance on 1/1/25		Closing balance	
Current account –	18568.25	Current account –	25800.64
Savings account-	50928.99	Savings account-	48120.10
Total	96467.56	Total	96467.56

On the 31/12/25 NICIFC (investment) held £100,000, Danske bank current account £25800.64 and Danske bank business account £48120.10 (£32176.69 is from Edith Gordon Bequest). *charitable donation to Emerge returned by them. Still being followed up. Properties are held by Ulster Friends Trustees so Lisburn Preparative Meeting's possessions are benches, tables, and crockery for use of the Meeting.

Prepared by dhemson 11/1/2026

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Meeting Income		Meeting Expenses			
Subscriptions and gift aid	6972.00	Monthly Meeting Moieties	5446.78		
NICIFC returns and Bank Int	4933.97	Reprint of Quakers in Lisburn Book	871.90		
Use of Meeting House	nil	Website	192.00		
Quakers in Lisburn Book	196.00	Insurance	331.41		
Collections	220.00	Other	339.90		
Total	12321.97		7181.99		
		Donations			
		Charity Committee (Christian Aid 1200, StoreHouse 2000, Quaker Service 3500, Quaker Boliva Link 1000, Scripture Union NI E3 1000., Open Doors 1000, Leprosy Mission 500)	10200		
		Collections (Christian Aid Week £220)	220.00		
Total	0		10420.00		
Property Income	16096.76	Property expenses			
		Insurance	2520.00		
		Rates	1573.16		
		Solicitors	828.00		
		Repairs	600.00		
Total	16096.76	Total	5521.16		
Total income 2024	28418.73	Total expenses 2024	23123.15		
Balance on 1/1/24		Closing balance		Carried forward	69497.24
Current account –	14106.66	Current account –	18568.25		(32176.69 is from
Savings account-	50095.00	Savings account-	50928.99		Edith Gordon
					Bequest)
Total	92620.39	Total	92620.39		

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Prepared by Janet H. Linnon 10/1/2025

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Annual report

Annual report 2024

*All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;
The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever.
1 Peter 1.v24*

Meeting for Worship is held every Sunday morning when a small number of members and attenders gather both in the Meeting House and virtually by means of Webex. Webex has enabled those who through illness or frailty are no longer able to attend physically. Thanks to those who send out the Webex link and those who make the necessary internet connection each Sunday. Sunday School, takes place on the first Sunday of each month when up to seven children attend. Thanks to the Sunday School, coffee/ tea and freshly made buns are served after Meeting for Worship on this Sunday.

Adjourned Preparative Meeting took place on Friday 19th January. Social events have been curtailed due to our small numbers but the regular meeting up of some members and attenders on the first Saturday of the month at Dobbies, has continued throughout the year.

2024 has been a difficult year for Lisburn Preparative Meeting bringing as it did the deaths of a number of our long-term members, who though for many years were not able to attend Meeting for Worship, were still very much in our thoughts. We hold their families and friends in our thoughts and prayers.

A monthly Prayer Meeting, attended by Friends from Lisburn, Lurgan and Bessbrook has been held throughout the year.

Our connection with Friends' School has continued for many years with the giving of Bibles embossed with the school crest. These are presented at the annual Bible Sunday meeting to school leavers and staff members who are retiring or leaving.

We also purchased 'It's Your Move' booklets from Scripture Union which were given to Year 7 pupils in the Preparatory School.

Our annual service of carols and readings was held after Meeting for Worship on Sunday 22nd December. The theme was The Lamb of God.

With regard to the duties in the Book of Organisation and Christian Discipline, Chapter 5, Paragraph 4, the clerk has agreed to inform the Monthly Meeting clerk that we have attended to the following duties;

- Weekly Meetings for Worship have been held
- Pastoral care of individual members and regular attenders
- Monthly Meeting has been informed of births, deaths and transfers
- General Christian Counsel and advices and a selection of queries have been read in meetings for worship during the year
- Sunday School has been held on a regular basis during 2024.
- The Finance and Property Committee looks after the Meeting House and other property and the finances of the meeting.
- The Meeting has made a separate Child Safeguarding report, showing it adheres to the Ireland Yearly Meeting Child Safeguarding Policy and Procedures.

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Lisburn Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Ireland.

We report on the accounts of the charity 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 our 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

We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our 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.

Our 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.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us 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.

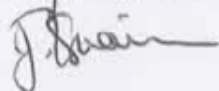
Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our 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, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name *JAMES T. SWAIN*

Date *14th Jan. 2025*

Signature



Name *JOHN SCOTT*

Date *14 Jan. 2025*

Signature



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Meeting Income		Meeting Expenses			
Subscriptions and gift aid	9385.45	Monthly Meeting Moieties	6119.40		
NICIFC returns and Bank Int	4408.40	Resurfacing the floor	1980.00		
Use of Meeting House	nil	Website	192.80		
Edith Gordon Bequest	32176.69	Insurance	315.21		
Collections	550.00	Misc	357.89		
Total	46520.54		8965.30		
		Donations			
		Charity Committee (Christian Aid 1200, StoreHouse 2300, Quaker Service 4000, Quaker Boliva Link 500, Scripture Union NI £3 1000. MACSNI £500, Open Doors £500)	10000		
		Collections (Christian Aid £150, Quaker Service £200)	350.00		
Total			10350.00		
Property Income	5820.00	Property expenses			
		Insurance	2266.97		
		Rates	1512.67		
		Boundary Report	1188.00		
		Repairs	448.36		
			5416.00		
Total	5820.00		24731.30		
Balance on 1/1/23		Closing balance 31/12/2023		Carried forward	64201.66
Current account –	31715.15	Current account –	14106.66		(32176.69 is from Edith Gordon Bequest)
Savings account-	4877.27	Savings account-	50095.00		
Total Income	88932.96	Total	88932.96		

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ANNUAL REPORT 2023

Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together ---- but encouraging one another. Hebrews 10. 24- 25

Every Sunday morning a small number of members and attenders gather for Meeting for Worship both in the Meeting House and virtually by means of Webex. Grateful thanks go to those who send out the Webex link and those who make the necessary internet connection each Sunday. Sadly illness and frailty have prevented some of our Members from being able to join with us in either way. For others the pandemic led to changes in their lives which have meant that they no longer attend Lisburn Meeting. Sunday School, takes place on the first Sunday of each month.

Adjourned Preparative Meeting took place on Friday 20th January. Due to our small numbers, the annual January party and the summer outing were not held. However, a regular get-together at Dobbies Garden Centre on the first Saturday of the month has been running since February. This has proved popular and has been well attended. Once a month, thanks to the Sunday School, coffee/ tea and freshly made buns are served after Meeting for Worship and we have a chance to chat.

We were very sorry to hear of the death on 20th February of Dennis Thompson. Dennis was an Elder of Lisburn Preparative Meeting. He had faithfully attended our Meeting up until March 2020 and had often taken part in the Ministry. In April we learned of the death of Maureen F. Fleck (nee Scott), sister of Barbara E. Baxter and our former treasurer, W. Rodney Scott. In August the death took place of J. Trevor Green, a former member of Lisburn Meeting whose family have had a long association with the Meeting. Both Trevor and his wife Jean contributed greatly to the life of our Preparative Meeting while Trevor was principal of Friends' School, Lisburn from 1989 to 2001. Rodney Scott suffered a further bereavement on the death of his wife Pamela in June. Ian G Raphael, died on 8th May and a Meeting for Worship to celebrate his life was held in Friends' School Assembly Hall on 13th May. Ian's parents were members of Lurgan Meeting. While a boarder at Friends' School, Ian attended Lisburn Meeting and was involved in Moyallon Camp.

We maintain our connection with Friends' School by organising the annual Bible Sunday in May when school leavers are presented with Bibles embossed with the school crest. The speaker this year was Janette McKnight, former director of Quaker Service. We also purchased booklets from Scripture Union which were given to Year 7 pupils in the Preparatory School on the completion of the It's Your Move lessons taken by the Antrim and Lisburn SU Schools' worker, Rebekah Armstrong.

Our annual carol service was held after Meeting for Worship on Sunday 17th December. The theme was based on the Via Maris, the road which Mary and Joseph had taken on their flight to Egypt with the infant Jesus. Also on that day a children's Bible was presented to Alex Withers, son of Andrew and Louise Withers and grandson of Latifa and Alec McCullagh. A Meeting for Worship was held on Christmas Day morning.

The Meeting continues to give financial support to Quaker Service, Christian Aid, and Storehouse Belfast and other charities.

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone

it is the same God at work. 1 Corinthians 12: 4-6

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- Sunday School has been held monthly from January to June and September to December where there are children in meeting
- The Finance Committee looks after the Meeting House and other property and the finances of the meeting.
- Support has been offered to young Friends to attend Yearly Meeting and gatherings of young friends.
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Name *NICHOLAS A JLANE*

Date *12 - Jan - 2024*

Signature

Nicholas A Jlane

Name *JOHN SCOTT*

Date *12 Jan. 2024*

Signature

John Scott