

Alexandra Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107685

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2020-06-09
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: General charitable purposes,Relief of poverty,Religious activities,Welfare/benevolent,Youth development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds),General public,Men,Older people,Overseas/developing countries,Preschool (0-5 year olds),Voluntary and community sector,Volunteers,Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£204,976	£169,739	£0	4

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Elizabeth Mabel Beggs		
Mr Hugh William Muise		
Mr John Craig		
Mr Lawrence Wallace		
Mr Mervyn Henry McCormick		
Mr S.D. Mcconkey		
Mr Stephen Barr		
Mr Trevor Wilson		
Mr Wesley William Lewis		
Rev Ian Cahoon		

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Accounts

Alexandra Presbyterian Church - a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Statement of Financial Activity (Receipts and Payments Account)
for the year ended 31st. December 2024.

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowmen	Total	Total
Notes	Funds	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£

Receipts

Donations and legacies	2	111456	35860	0	147316	153568
Charitable activities	3	0	25,849	0	25849	26186
Other trading activities	4	387	0	0	387	880
Investment Income	5	3408	376	0	3784	1577
Other	6	1221	858	0	2079	2597
Organisations		0	25561	0	25561	16476
Sale of Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Sale of fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
Loans Received		0	0	0	0	0
Total Receipts		116472	88504	0	204976	201284

Payments

Raising funds	7	546	0	0	546	520
Charitable activities	8	92530	59261	0	151791	181510
Investment costs		0	0	0	0	0
Other	9	0	0	0	0	0
Organisations		0	17402	0	17402	17991
					0	
Purchase of Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Purchase of fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
Loan Repayments		0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0	0
Total Payments		93076	76663	0	169739	200021

Net receipts / (payments)

Transfers between funds

Net movement in funds

Funds brought forward

Funds carried forward

		23396	11841	0	35237	1263
		3786	-3786	0	0	0
		27182	8055	0	35237	1263
		96131	37727	0	133858	132595
12		123313	45782	0	169095	133858

Alexandra Presbyterian Church - a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland		
Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31st. December 2024		

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowments Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	96131	37727	0	133858	132595
Net movement in funds	27182	8055	0	35237	1263
			0		
Bank and Cash at end of year	<u>123313</u>	<u>45782</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>169095</u>	<u>133858</u>

Bank & Cash Balances

Progressive Deposit Account			0	86734	60227
Bank Current Account No.1			0	48566	47403
Bank Current Account No.2			0	3932	3757
Cash in hand - Organisations			0	2320	2708
Bank Current Accounts - Organisations			0	27543	19763
			<u>Total</u>	<u>169095</u>	<u>133858</u>

Other Assets

Fixed Assets - Note 10

Church Premises			0	0	0
Fixtures and Fittings			0	0	0
Vehicles			0	0	0
Investments - Note 11			0	42073	40265
Gift Aid receivable on donations			0	22000	14500
Other assets			0	0	0
<u>Liabilities</u>					
			0	0	0
Other liabilities			0	0	0

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 17th. March, 2025 and signed on its behalf by:-

Name:- Mr. Mervyn McCormick

Name:- Mr. Trevor Wilson

Signature:- _____

Signature:- _____

Date:- 17th. March, 2025

Alexandra Presbyterian Church - a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland		
Notes to the Accounts:- 31st. December 2024.		

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Financial Statements

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation 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 congregation'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 congregational 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 congregation's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

2 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded givings	79961	15938	0	95899	91120
Loose collections	2670	0	0	2670	2528
Donations and gifts	3121	11079	0	14200	8297
Gift Aid	14584	7558	0	22142	15741
Progressive B S / Time to Rebuild	1620	1285	0	2905	35882
Legacies & Bequests	9500	0		9500	0
	111456	35860	0	147316	153568

3 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowmen	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	0	0	0	0	0
Publications / Literature	0	779	0	779	671
Fundraising events - Concert	0	570	0	570	515
Grant:- Belfast City Council	0	0	0	0	0
Grant - Urban Mission Trust	0	13,000	0	13000	13000
Grant - Council for Mission	0	11,500	0	11500	12000
	0	25849	0	25849	26186

4 Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowmen	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	387	0	0	387	880
Trading income	0	0	0	0	0
	387	0	0	387	880

5 Investment Income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Bank deposit interest	873	0	0	873	759
Progressive interest	1777	312	0	2089	147
General Investment Fund	758	0	0	758	598
Ulster Bank No 2 a/c	0	64	0	64	73
Other investment income	0	0	0	0	0
	3408	376	0	3784	1577

6 Other Income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	Funds		Funds	2024	2023
	£		£	£	£
PCI remittance	436	0	0	436	237
Power NI cost of living	0	0	0	0	1200
Siemens Refund	247	0	0	247	0
NI Water refund	0	858	0	858	0
Sundry donations	538	0	0	538	1160
Donations from Organisations	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>1221</u>	<u>858</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2079</u>	<u>2597</u>

7 Raising Funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	546	0	0	546	520
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>546</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>546</u>	<u>520</u>

8 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	15976	0	0	15976	15469
Presbytery fees	725	0	0	725	566
Ministry and support staff costs	54334	24699	0	79033	74841
Congregational running expenses	20976	715	0	21691	20425
Donations to Missions and Charities	0	20525	0	20525	14512
Property / Maintenance costs	0	13322	0	13322	55697
Governance costs	519	0	0	0	0
	<u>92530</u>	<u>59261</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>151272</u>	<u>181510</u>

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9 Other Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	0	0	0	0	0
HMRC Gift Aid refund	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0

10 Fixed Assets

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 80 York Road, Belfast, BT15 3HF and the Manse which is occupied by the Minister and his family situated at 14 Lismoyne Park, Belfast BT15 5HF including the associated fittings, plant and equipment. These have a combined value of £6,358,688 at the last renewal date. insurance renewal date.

The Nite Lite team has a caravan valued at £12,503 (at the last insurance renewal date.)

11 Investments

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation

					2024	2023
					£	£
General Investment Fund					32,073	30265
Property					0	0
Progressive Building Society					10,000	10000
					42073	40265

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12 Fund Balances

Unrestricted Funds

General Fund
Progressive Building Society

Restricted Funds

Maintenance of Property
Time to Rebuild
Concert
Castleton Lanterns & Community
Gift Aid for various Sundry Orgs
Community Mission Worker
Catering
Publications
Outreach
Boys Brigade

Organisations

Missions and Charities Fund

United Appeal
General Missions Fund
Alex M F Missions
Benevolent Fund
Children Change Columbia
Down Syndrome
Pres. Children's Society
E Moreland Foundation
World Deverlopment
Alzheimer's Society
Leprosy Mission
Friends of the Cancer Centre
Malawi Project
Marie Curie NI
N I Hospice
Real Hope / Romania
North Belfast Food Bank
Kids 4 School
Royal British Legion
R N L I
Samaritan's Purse (Shoe Boxes)
Local School
The School of Music

Endowment Funds

Total Funds

General Investment Fund
Progressive Building Society

	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfers	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	36024	113075	93076	19999	-19174	36849
Progressive Building Society	60107	3397	0	3397	22960	86464
	96131	116472	93076	23396	3786	123313
		ok	ok			
Maintenance of Property	3757	11365	13322	-1957	2132	3932
Time to Rebuild	270	5242	0	5242	-5242	270
Concert	0	570	0	570	-570	0
Castleton Lanterns & Community	171	0	0	0	0	171
Gift Aid for various Sundry Orgs	0	669	0	669	-669	0
Community Mission Worker	9262	24500	24699	-199	0	9063
Catering	0	40	40	0	0	0
Publications	0	779	655	124	0	124
Outreach	0	20	20	0	0	0
Boys Brigade	40	100	0	100	-100	40
Organisations	22471	25561	17402	8159	-767	29863
Missions and Charities Fund				0		0
United Appeal	330	7972	7330	642	0	972
General Missions Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alex M F Missions	0	0	500	-500	500	0
Benevolent Fund	957	664	310	354	-140	1171
Children Change Columbia	0	118	118	0	0	0
Down Syndrome	0	2600	2600	0	0	0
Pres. Children's Society	93	1663	1650	13	0	106
E Moreland Foundation	0	2533	2533	0	0	0
World Deverlopment	376	813	1189	-376	0	0
Alzheimer's Society	0	375	375	0	0	0
Leprosy Mission	0	750	750	0	0	0
Friends of the Cancer Centre	0	100	100	0	0	0
Malawi Project	0	285	800	-515	515	0
Marie Curie NI	0	275	275	0	0	0
N I Hospice	0	375	375	0	0	0
Real Hope / Romania	0	120	100	20	0	20
North Belfast Food Bank	0	115	230	-115	115	0
Kids 4 School	0	585	540	45	0	45
Royal British Legion	0	5	0	5	0	5
R N L I	0	50	50	0	0	0
Samaritan's Purse (Shoe Boxes)	0	100	100	0	0	0
Local School	0	160	300	-140	140	0
The School of Music	0	0	300	-300	300	0
	37727	88504	76663	11841	-3786	45782
Endowment Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funds	133858	204976	169739	35237	0	169095
Valuation at start				Revaluation Increase		Valuation at end
<i>General Investment Fund</i>	30,265			1,808		32,073
<i>Progressive Building Society</i>	10000					10000
	40265					42073

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Notes	Funds	Funds	Funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£

Receipts

Donations and legacies	2	93379	60189	0	153568	108859
Charitable activities	3	0	26,186	0	26186	28134
Other trading activities	4	737	143	0	880	431
Investment Income	5	1464	113	0	1577	907
Other	6	2597	0	0	2597	14576
Organisations			16476	0	16476	19288
Sale of Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Sale of fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
Loans Received		0	0	0	0	0
Total Receipts		98177	103107	0	201284	172195

Payments

Raising funds	7	520	0	0	520	547
Charitable activities	8	87103	94407	0	181510	134716
Investment costs		0	0	0	0	0
Other	9	0	0	0	0	14319
Organisations		0	17991	0	17991	16594
		0	0	0	0	0
Purchase of Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Purchase of fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
Loan Repayments		0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0	0
Total Payments		87623	112398	0	200021	166176

Net receipts / (payments)		10554	-9291	0	1263	6019
Transfers between funds		-4570	4570	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		5984	-4721	0	1263	6019
Funds brought forward		90147	42448	0	132595	126576
Funds carried forward	12	96131	37727	0	133858	132595

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31st. December, 2023		

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowments Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	90147	42448	0	132595	126576
Net movement in funds	5984	-4721	0	1263	6019
			0	0	
Bank and Cash at end of year	<u>96131</u>	<u>37727</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>133858</u>	<u>132595</u>

Bank & Cash Balances

Progressive Deposit Account			0	60227	0
Bank Current Account No.1			0	47403	99338
Bank Current Account No.2			0	3757	8380
Cash in hand - Organisations			0	2708	2106
Bank Current Accounts - Organisations			0	19763	22771
			<u>Total</u>	<u>133858</u>	<u>132595</u>

Other Assets

Fixed Assets - Note 10

Church Premises			0	0	0
Fixtures and Fittings			0	0	0
Vehicles			0	0	0
Investments - Note 11			0	40265	38084
Gift Aid receivable on donations			0	14,500	13500
Other assets			0	0	0
<u>Liabilities</u>					
			0	0	0
Other liabilities			0	0	0

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on _____ and signed on its behalf by:-	
Name:- _____	Name:- _____
Signature:- _____	Signature:- _____
Date:- _____	Date:- _____

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2 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded givings	77410	13710	0	91120	76398
Loose collections	2528	0	0	2528	2263
Donations and gifts	1710	6587	0	8297	9936
Gift Aid	11731	4010	0	15741	15262
TIME TO REBUILD	0	35882	0	35882	5000
	93379	60189	0	153568	108859

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	Notes to the Accounts (continued):- 31st. December, 2023.	

3 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	0	0	0	0	480
Publications / Literature	0	671	0	671	378
Fundraising events	CONCERT	515	0	515	375
Grant:- Belfast City Council	0	0	0	0	1751
Grant - Urban Mission Trust	0	13,000	0	13000	13150
Grant - Council for Mission	0	12,000	0	12000	12000
	<u>0</u>	<u>26186</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>26186</u>	<u>28134</u>

4 Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2023	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	737	143	0	880	431
Trading income	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>737</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>880</u>	<u>431</u>

5 Investment Income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2023	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Bank deposit interest	759	0	0	759	135
Progressive interest	107	40	0	147	151
General Investment Fund	598	0	0	598	621
No.2 A/c INTEREST	0	73	0	73	0
Other investment income	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>1464</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1577</u>	<u>907</u>

6 Other Income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	Funds		Funds	2023	2022
	£		£	£	£
PCI Remittance	237	0	0	237	0
Power NI Cost of Living	1200	0	0	1200	14576
Sundry Donations	1160	0	0	1160	0
Cancellation of Cheque	0	40	0	40	0
	<u>2597</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2637</u>	<u>14576</u>

7 Raising Funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	520	0	0	520	547
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>520</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>520</u>	<u>547</u>

8 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	15469	0	0	15469	15630
Presbytery fees	566	0	0	566	659
Ministry and support staff costs	52044	22797	0	74841	69688
Congregational running expenses	19024	1401	0	20425	20680
Donations to Missions and Charities	0	14512	0	14512	19040
Property / Maintenance costs	0	55697	0	55697	9019
Governance costs	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>87103</u>	<u>94407</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>181510</u>	<u>134716</u>

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9 Other Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	0	0	0	0	0
HMRC Gift Aid Refund	0	0	0	0	14319
	0	0	0	0	14319

10 Fixed Assets

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 80 York Road, Belfast, BT15 3HF and the Manse which is occupied by the Minister and his family situated at 14 Lismoyne Park, Belfast BT15 5HF including the associated fittings, plant and equipment. These have a combined value of £6,181,723 [£5,749,650 + £405,905 + £26,168] at the last insurance renewal date.

The Nite Lite team has a caravan valued at £11,591 (at the last insurance renewal date).

11 Investments

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation

					2023	2022
					£	£
General Investment Fund					30,265	28084
Property					0	0
Progressive Building Society					10,000	10000
					40265	38084

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Notes to the Accounts (continued):- 31st. December, 2023.

12 Fund Balances

Unrestricted Funds

General Fund
Progressive Building Society

Restricted Funds

Maintenance of Property
TIME to REBUILD
Concert:- TIMEtoREBUILD
Castleton Lanterns & Community
PW/WEE CAFÉ/ B.BUDDIES
Community Mission Worker
Letting of Premises
PCI Publications
Holiday Bible Club/Youth week
Boys' Brigade

Organisations

Missions and Charities Fund

United Appeal
Benevolent Fund
Children Change Columbia
Christian Aid
Pres. Children's Society
Tear Fund
World Development
Marine / Missions to Seamen
N.I. HOSPICE
Leprosy Mission
The Air Ambulance
Release International
MENCAP
KIDS4SCHOOL
PCI's Moderator's Appeal
The School of Music
The Christian Institute

Endowment Funds

Total Funds

General Investment Fund
Progressive Building Society

Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfers	Balance at end
£	£	£	£	£	£
90147	98070	87623	10447	-64570	36024
0	107	0	107	60000	60107
90147	98177	87623	10554	-4570	96131
8380	9157	55697	-46540	41917	3757
0	35882	0	35882	-35612	270
0	515	0	515	-515	0
171	0	0	0	0	171
0	628	0	628	-628	0
7059	25000	22797	2203	0	9262
0	143	143	0	0	0
0	671	848	-177	177	0
0	309	410	-101	101	0
0	40	0	40	0	40
24877	16476	17991	-1515	-891	22471
700	6701	7071	-370	0	330
902	164	109	55	0	957
0	93	93	0	0	0
21	0	31	-31	10	0
0	93	0	93	0	93
50	0	50	-50	0	0
269	1155	1048	107	0	376
4	0	4	-4	0	0
0	1266	1277	-11	11	0
0	750	750	0	0	0
0	2500	2500	0	0	0
5	0	5	-5	0	0
0	75	75	0	0	0
0	180	180	0	0	0
10	424	434	-10	0	0
0	625	625	0	0	0
0	260	260	0	0	0
42448	103107	112398	-9291	4570	37727
0	0	0	0	0	0
132,595	201,284	200021	1263	0	133858
Valuation at start			Revaluation Increase		Valuation at end
28,084			2181		30,265
10000					10000
38084					40265

Alexandra Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107685

Annual report

**ALEXANDRA CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**Trustees Annual Report
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland NIC 107685

ALEXANDRA CONGREGATION 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

Alexandra Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

80 York Road,
Belfast
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Registered Charity in Northern Ireland NIC 107685

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Mr Stephen Barr
Miss Elizabeth Mabel Beggs
Rev. Ian Cahoon
Mr John Craig
Mr Wesley William Lewis
Mr Samuel David McConkey
Mr Hugh William Muise
Mr Mervyn Henry McCormick
Mr Lawrence Wallace
Mr Trevor Wilson

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Rev. Ian Cahoon
Clerk of Session	Mr Mervyn Henry McCormick
Treasurer	Mr Samuel David McConkey

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Mr. Roy Eakin
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Belfast
BT15 1HY

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Linenhall House
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BT2 8AA

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

The charity trustees of the congregation are the members of its Kirk Session. Under the congregation's governing document, The Code, the book of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Kirk Session seeks to watch over and promote the spiritual interest of the congregation and of persons not connected with any congregation who are within its bounds. It ensures pastoral care is in place in the congregation and seeks to further the contribution of the Church to Christian witness and service in the local community. The Kirk Session has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister and the ruling elders of the congregation. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the minister in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are normally held at least nine times in each year. To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant on its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote.

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. Alexandra congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the North Belfast Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

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 congregation is the advancement of religion.

Alexandra Presbyterian Church is a congregation 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 congregation's missional purpose is to worship God; to share the good news of Jesus Christ with all and, in particular, with those in our parish community; to enable believers to mature in their faith and to deepen their fellowship, equipping them for the ministry of reaching out to others in spiritual and personal need.

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice.

Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, for all ages which:

- is increasingly characterised by love for God, and love and concern for others;
- is committed to the Christian gospel as revealed in the Bible;
- is relevant to people of this time and community.

The congregation aims to live out its Mission and Vision as a family of God's people by being:

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully for Him and for one another.
- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.
- An Intergenerational Community: where older members are cared for and where established members intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday, which is open and welcoming to both members and to visitors. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is normally observed on 4 occasions during the year and all those who profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. Membership is open to all who have been baptised, who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and who have contributed to the funds of the congregation. The congregation holds regular "Connect" (small group) bible study meetings and times of prayer. It also has a wide range of organisations including:

- Creche
- Kids For Christ (Sunday School)
- Ignite (Youth Fellowship)
- Crochet Class
- Good News Club
- Presbyterian Women
- Time For You (Ladies support Group)
- The Wee Café
- Alexandra Missionary Fellowship
- Alexandra Art Club
- C&C (Coffee & Care)
- Alexandra Church Choir
- Boy's Brigade – Anchor Boys, Junior Section & Company Section
- Buggy Buddies (Mums and Tots)
- Girls Allowed (Ladies Group)
- Nite Lite (Community Outreach and support group)

Audio and video recordings of services of worship were introduced in 2020 and these have continued and enable those who are unable to attend in person to engage in worship. Other activities such as a weekly prayer-time and bible study groups continued to meet both in person and online using Zoom.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally met for socially distanced worship each Sunday at 11.00am and as announced in the evening at 6.30pm. During the week the Bible Study and Prayer Times (online and in person) provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we gave thanks for lives completed and seek to comfort those who had been bereaved.

At 31 December 2023 there were 85 communicant members and 209 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship was 99.

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, an elder, or another member of the congregation.

Mission and outreach

At a local level the congregation supports the North Belfast Food Bank, which operates under the guidance of the Trussell Trust, through a monthly collection of long-life food items.

We also provide "Free Food Friday" each week to distribute mainly fresh food items for use across the local community.

A fundamental element of our purpose as a Church is to reach out to the community around us and share our faith as well as to help meet the needs of our neighbours. This work includes a significant and increasing number of people of all ages who do not attend church of any denomination.

In October 2021, the Trustee appointed a Community Mission Worker for a period of 3 years, supported by the Council for Mission in Ireland of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and by the Urban Mission Trust of the North Belfast Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

The congregation also supports the work of NITE LITE North Belfast which provides assistance and support (practically and spiritually) in local social clubs and on the Shore Road late on Friday nights.

Alexandra Organisations and Activities

The various organisations listed earlier meet in our halls at various times throughout the week providing activities and services for all ages. Other community concerts, events and fund raisers take place in our halls during the year, and we welcome these as opportunities to establish relationships with the people who attend.

All of our activities and organisations are open to all, and we are proud of the diverse nature of our membership and attendees.

During 2023 a total of 14,512 was donated to Missions and other charitable agencies.

The congregation supports 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, assists with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregations in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care. The congregation also contributes to the denomination's annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School project and any other special appeals that are launched by the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland in response to a major catastrophe.

Presbytery

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our minister and / or one of the elders. This provides an important link between the congregations and the wider structures of the church.

General Assembly

The minister and one of our elders were nominated to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast.

Property

We have an extensive suite of buildings located over two sites as follows:

- Church premises situated at 80 York Road, Belfast BT15 3HF, incorporating the Knowles Memorial Halls accessed from Castleton Avenue, BT15 3ED
- The Church Manse situated at 14 Lismoyne Park, Belfast BT15 5HF.

During 2023, a major renovation scheme was completed, installing a damp course in the Knowles Memorial Halls, together with a new kitchen and Gent's Toilets, together with associated redecoration across the ground floor, at a cost of £36,535, of which £35,882 was donated by the congregation by 31st December and an additional £515 raised at a fundraising concert. In addition, during the year a total of £19,162 was spent on general maintenance.

Organisations

Alexandra congregation has a wide range of organisations catering for all ages. They meet throughout the week at various times and our halls are fully utilised.

What are they?	Demographics	When meet?	Purpose	Numbers Attending	Notes
KFC and Creche	Children 0 – 11 years	Every Sunday morning during worship	Teaching	10	Children of families at worship
AV & Sound Team	Teens and adults	Sundays	Worship, Relationships	5	
Choir	Adults	Sundays	Worship	9	Organist, Drummer and Choir
Ignite	Teens 11 – 18 years	Alternate Sunday evenings	Evangelism, Discipleship	12	Youth Fellowship. Intentional link with BB Company.
Messy Church	Families with young children	Sunday afternoon – 4 times/year	Evangelism, Community	80-100	Crafts, worship, food. Intentional link from other activities into families
Crochet Group	Ladies 50+	Monday evening 6.30 – 8pm	Pastoral, Fellowship	25	Craft group
Connect Groups	Adults	Fortnightly Bible Study - Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, Wednesday lunchtime	Discipleship, Fellowship	30	Small groups meeting in homes and in Church Halls. One group is focused on young adults

Prayer for Schools	Adults	Tuesday 10.25 – 11.15	Community	12	Open to others in area. Close liaison with local schools. Led by Elder who is a School Governor.
Time for U	Adults 50+	Tuesday lunchtime	Fellowship, Community, Relationships	12	Liaise with Ulster Scots for outings and events.
Good News Club	Children 5-11 years	Tuesday 7 – 8pm	Evangelism	20	Intentional link with Messy Church, Altogether Worship.
PW	Ladies 40+	Tuesday 7.45 – 9pm	Missions, Fellowship	30	
58 th Old Boys Outdoor Bowling Club	14 – 80+ years	Tuesday and Saturday during Summer	Community, Relationships	10	
Wee Café	Adults	Wednesday 10 – 12noon	Evangelism, Community	25	Open to community, free of charge.
Dreamscheme	Teens 11-18 years	Youth Club Wednesday 6.30 – 8.30	Evangelism, Community	12	Partnership with Dreamscheme on our premises. Includes a summer sports camp.
Alexandra at Prayer	Adults	Wednesday 7.30 – 9pm (fortnightly)	Discipleship, Fellowship	12	Alternates online and in Manse
Alexandra Missionary Fellowship	Adults	Wednesday 7.30 – 9pm (monthly)	Missions, Fellowship, Discipleship	12	

Alexandra Art Club	Adults	Thursday 10.30 – 12.30pm	Community, Fellowship	10	Craft group
Reading in Schools	Adults	Thursday mornings	Community, Relationships	5	Going to Primary School to support 1-1 reading with children.
C&C	Adult ladies	Thursday 1.30 – 4pm	Pastoral, Fellowship	30	Mainly elderly or living alone.
Boys Brigade, Anchor Boys, Junior Section and Company	Boys 5 – 18 years	Thursday 6.30 – 9.30	Evangelism, Community	50	Intentional link with: Anchors & Juniors – Messy Church, Altogether Worship. Company – Ignite, Lads and Dads
Buggy Buddies	Infants and mothers	Friday 9.30 – 12.00	Evangelism, Community	30	Intentional link with Messy Church, Altogether Worship
Nite Lite	Adults	Friday 10pm – 1am	Evangelism, Community, Relationships	6	Caravan on Shore Road to reach into our community. Also visiting McDonald Centre at Crusaders.
Alexandra Newsletter	N/A	3 times / year	Fellowship	N/A	Update on life and work across congregation
Holiday Bible Club	Children 5-11 years	1 week (mornings) in summer	Evangelism, Community	30	Intentional link with other activities leading to Sunday breakfast and Altogether Worship
Summer Scheme	Teens	August	Evangelism, Relationships	15	Outings and activities with an epilogue. Intentional link with

Door to Door	Adults	Summer	Community, Evangelism, Relationships	25	Call at homes in parish with welcome, invitation and offer of prayer.
Easter Outreach	Adults	March/April	Community, Evangelism, Relationships	20	Jennymount Industrial Park Coffee and Invitations. Good Friday 250 hot Cross Buns to local businesses and neighbours.
Community Christmas Tree	Families	December	Community, Evangelism	100	Partnership with RoC, Loyal Orders, Crusaders Football Club.
Girls Allowed	Adult Ladies	Friday night – 4 times/year	Community, Fellowship	50	
Lads & Dads	Teens and Men	Saturday night – 4 times / year	Evangelism, Relationships	30	Boys with fathers / grandfathers. Includes Men's Breakfast, Games nights, etc.

The purpose of all of these organisations is to serve our community and fulfil our Christian calling as a church which reaches out to the community around it while at the same time providing fellowship and teaching for our existing members.

The Congregation also partners with the Trussell Trust to support their North Belfast Foodbank, which offers food support to anyone in need who is referred to them by a wide range of recognised agencies. In addition, under the FareShare program, we take fresh food, from local supermarkets to make available to our community.

All organisations are open to everyone, and religious background is irrelevant, as we seek to live out our mission.

The programs are wide and varied and relevant to the specific ages involved. The emphasis is always on the needs of the members and providing fellowship, fun and teaching.

Proper arrangements for child protection and leadership training are provided and the standards and procedures of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland through Taking Care are implemented in full.

Volunteers

The Trustees thank God and wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on the Congregational Committee and by leading, helping and supporting our organisations and other church activities.

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 congregations and their 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 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 beneficiaries of this purpose are 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 Kirk Session has had regard to the Charity Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is our members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 130 contributors during the year (113 in previous year, 2022) donating a total of £77,410 (£64,775 in previous year, 2022).

Total receipts for the year, were £201,284, compared to £172,195 in the previous year. Our Gift Aid return was higher; members contributed to our rebuilding project, significant grants came from the North Belfast Presbytery's Urban Mission Trust Fund and the PCI's Council for Mission in Ireland – affording us the employment of an Outreach Mission Worker; and our 'Organisations' income was up considerably.

Total expenditure increased from £166,176 to £200,021 at the end of 2022 (£36,535 was incurred by renovations).

At the end of 2023 NET FUNDS carried forward were £133,858, (£96,131 unrestricted and £37,727 restricted), compared to £132,595 at the end of 2022 (£90,147 unrestricted and £42,448 restricted).

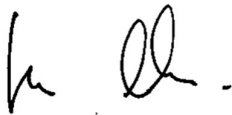
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

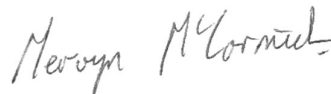
As the congregation's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 208 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

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

Approved by the Kirk Session of Alexandra Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland on the 21st October 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Rev. Ian Cahoon



Mervyn McCormick

21/10/2024

21/10/2024

Alexandra Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107685

Annual return

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

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

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 account 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: ... Roy Eakin
Occupation ... Retired Bank Official
Address: ... 18 Farm Lodge Road, Greenisland
... Carrickfergus, Co Antrim BT38 8XH
Date: ... 04th March 2024

Alexandra Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107685

Accounts

Alexandra Presbyterian Church - a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Statement of Financial Activity (Receipts and Payments Account)
for the year ended 31st. December, 2022.

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowmen	Total	Total
Notes	Funds	Funds	Funds	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£

Receipts

Donations and legacies	2	86395	22824	0	109219	100403
Charitable activities	3	480	26,901	0	27381	12108
Other trading activities	4	431	0	0	431	810
Investment Income	5	743	64	0	807	867
Other	6	330	14406	0	14736	1302
Organisations			19288	0	19288	5633
Sale of Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Sale of fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
Loans Received		0	0	0	0	0
Total Receipts		88379	83483	0	171862	121123

Payments

Raising funds	7	547	0	0	547	525
Charitable activities	8	79643	69059	0	148702	95839
Investment costs		0	0	0	0	0
Other	9	0	0	0	0	936
Organisations		0	16594	0	16594	4938
		0	0	0	0	0
Purchase of Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Purchase of fixed assets		0	0	0	0	0
Loan Repayments		0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	0	0
Total Payments		80190	85653	0	165843	102238

Net receipts / (payments)		8189	-2170	0	6019	18885
Transfers between funds		-1362	1362	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		6827	-808	0	6019	18885
Funds brought forward		83319	43257	0	126576	107691
Funds carried forward	12	90146	42449	0	132595	126576

Alexandra Presbyterian Church - a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland		
Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31st. December, 2022.		

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowmen	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	83319	43257	0	126576	107691
Net movement in funds	6827	-808	0	6019	18885
			0		
Bank and Cash at end of year	90146	42449	0	132595	126576

Bank & Cash Balances

Progressive Deposit Account			0	0	20992
Bank Current Account No.1			0	99338	72720
Bank Current Account No.2			0	8380	9934
Cash in hand - Organisations			0	2107	2098
Bank Current Accounts - Organisations			0	22770	20832
			Total	132595	126576

Other Assets

Fixed Assets - Note 10

Church Premises			0	0	0
Fixtures and Fittings			0	0	0
Vehicles			0	0	0
Investments - Note 11			0	38084	40599
Gift Aid receivable on donations			0	13500	12000
Other assets			0	0	0
<u>Liabilities</u>					
			0	0	0
Other liabilities			0	0	0

<p>Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on _____ and signed on its behalf by:-</p>	
<p>Name:- _____</p>	<p>Name:- _____</p>
<p>Signature:- _____</p>	<p>Signature:- _____</p>
<p>Date:- _____</p>	<p>Date:- _____</p>

Alexandra Presbyterian Church - a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland		
Notes to the Accounts:- 31st. December, 2022.		

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Financial Statements

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation 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 congregation'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 congregational 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 congregation's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

2 Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded givings	64775	11983	0	76758	76211
Loose collections	2263	0	0	2263	1246
Donations and gifts	1994	7942	0	9936	9369
Gift Aid	12363	2899	0	15262	12577
Legacies and bequests	5000	0	0	5000	1000
	<u>86395</u>	<u>22824</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>109219</u>	<u>100403</u>

Alexandra Presbyterian Church - a Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland		
	Notes to the Accounts (continued):- 31st. December, 2022.	

3 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	480	0	0	480	191
Fees from weddings and funerals	0	0	0	0	0
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0
Grant:- Belfast City Council	0	1751	0	1751	2417
Grant - Urban Mission Trust	0	13,150	0	13150	6500
Grant - Council for Mission	0	12,000	0	12000	3000
	480	26901	0	27381	12108

4 Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	431	0	0	431	810
Trading income	0	0	0	0	0
	431	0	0	431	810

5 Investment Income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Bank deposit interest	123	12	0	135	70
Progressive interest	0	52	0	52	199
General Investment Fund	620	0	0	620	598
Rents investment properties	0	0	0	0	0
Other investment income	0	0	0	0	0
	743	64	0	807	867

6 Other Income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	Funds		Funds	2022	2021
	£		£	£	£
Insurance claims	0	0	0	0	0
Other income	330	14406	0	14736	1302
	330	14406	0	14736	1302

7 Raising Funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	547	0	0	547	525
Fundraising events	0	0	0	0	0
	547	0	0	547	525

8 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	15630	0	0	15630	14568
Presbytery fees	659	0	0	659	640
Ministry and support staff costs	48425	21263	0	69688	50588
Congregational running expenses	14929	19737	0	34666	11920
Donations to Missions and Charities	0	19040	0	19040	8013
Property / Maintenance costs	0	9019	0	9019	10110
Governance costs	0	0	0	0	0
	79643	69059	0	148702	95839

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9 Other Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Other Congregational Funds	0	0	0	0	936
	0	0	0	0	936

10 Fixed Assets

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 80 York Road, Belfast, BT15 3HF and the Manse which is occupied by the Minister and his family situated at 14 Lismoyne Park, Belfast BT15 5HF including the associated fittings, plant and equipment. These have a combined value of £5,796,191 [£5,413,983 + £382,208] at the last insurance renewal date.

The Nite Lite team has a caravan valued at £11,591 (at the last insurance renewal date).

11 Investments

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation

					2022	2021
					£	£
General Investment Fund					28,084	30,599
Property					0	0
Progressive Building Society					10,000	10000
					38,084	<u>40599</u>

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12 Fund Balances

Unrestricted Funds

General Fund
Progressive Building Society

Restricted Funds

Maintenance of Property
Liter / photo copying /DVDs CDs
Equip/Cater/B'fastCCgrant
Castleton Lanterns & Community
No.2 A/C
Community Mission Worker
HMRC Error
PCI Publications

Organisations

Missions and Charities Fund

United Appeal
General Missions Fund
Benevolent Fund
Children Change Columbia
Christian Aid
Pres. Children's Society
The Royal British Legion
Tear Fund
World Development
Marine / Missions to Seamen
L.Wallace Op. Mobilisation
Leprosy Mission
Friends of the Cancer Centre
Release International
MENCAP
N.Belfast Food Bank
PCI's Moderator's Appeal
Both Lives Matter
The Christian Institute
Flourish N.I.

Endowment Funds

Total Funds

General Investment Fund
Progressive Building Society

Balance at start £	Receipts £	Payment £	Surplus / (Deficit) £	Transfers £	Balance at end £
62327	88280	80190	8090	19729	90146
20992	99	0	99	-21091	0
83319	88379	80190	8189	-1362	90146
9934	7105	9019	-1914	360	8380
65	123	329	-206	141	0
1	2126	3696	-1571	1571	0
170	0	0	0	0	171
360	0	0	0	-360	0
4310	25150	22401	2749	0	7059
0	14346	14319	27	27	0
0	255	255	0	0	0
22930	19288	16594	2694	-746	24878
3681	7566	10547	-2981	0	700
0	0	0	0	0	0
947	157	202	-45	0	902
0	143	143	0	0	0
21	0	0	0	0	21
0	1145	1145	0	0	0
0	60	60	0	0	0
50	0	0	0	0	50
779	483	993	-510	0	269
4	0	0	0	0	4
0	0	320	-320	320	0
0	750	750	0	0	0
0	2050	2050	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	5
0	375	375	0	0	0
0	231	235	-4	4	0
0	1830	1820	10	0	10
0	100	200	-100	100	0
0	100	100	0	0	0
0	100	100	0	0	0
43257	83483	85653	-2171	1417	42449
0	0	0	0	0	0
126576	171862	165843	6018	55	132595
Valuation at start			Revaluation Decrease		Valuation at end
30,599			-2515		28,084
10000					10000

<u>40599</u>					<u>38084</u>

Alexandra Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107685

Annual report

**ALEXANDRA CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**Trustees Annual Report
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland NIC 107685

ALEXANDRA CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Alexandra Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

80 York Road,
Belfast
BT15 3HF

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland NIC 107685

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Mr Stephen Barr
Miss Elizabeth Mabel Beggs
Rev. Ian Cahoon
Mr John Craig
Mr Wesley William Lewis
Mr Samuel David McConkey
Mr Hugh William Muise
Mr Mervyn Henry McCormick
Mr Lawrence Wallace
Mr Trevor Wilson

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Rev. Ian Cahoon
Clerk of Session	Mr Mervyn Henry McCormick
Treasurer	Mr Samuel David McConkey

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mr. Roy Eakin
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Belfast
BT15 1HY

Progressive Building Society,
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Belfast,
BT2 8AA

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The Kirk Session

The charity trustees of the congregation are the members of its Kirk Session. Under the congregation's governing document, The Code, the book of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Kirk Session seeks to watch over and promote the spiritual interest of the congregation and of persons not connected with any congregation who are within its bounds. It ensures pastoral care is in place in the congregation and seeks to further the contribution of the Church to Christian witness and service in the local community. The Kirk Session has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister and the ruling elders of the congregation. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the minister in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are normally held at least nine times in each year. To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant on its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote.

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. Alexandra congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the North Belfast Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

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 congregation is the advancement of religion.

Alexandra Presbyterian Church is a congregation 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 congregation's missional purpose is to worship God; to share the good news of Jesus Christ with all and, in particular, with those in our parish community; to enable believers to mature in their faith and to deepen their fellowship, equipping them for the ministry of reaching out to others in spiritual and personal need.

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice.

Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, for all ages which:

- is increasingly characterised by love for God, and love and concern for others;
- is committed to the Christian gospel as revealed in the Bible;
- is relevant to people of this time and community.

The congregation aims to live out its Mission and Vision as a family of God's people by being:

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully for Him and for one another.
- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.
- An Intergenerational Community: where older members are cared for and where established members intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday, which is open and welcoming to both members and to visitors. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is normally observed on 4 occasions during the year and all those who profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. Membership is open to all who have been baptised, who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and who have contributed to the funds of the congregation. The congregation holds regular "Connect" (small group) bible study meetings and times of prayer. It also has a wide range of organisations including:

- Creche
- Kids For Christ (Sunday School)
- Ignite (Youth Fellowship)
- Crochet Class
- Good News Club
- Presbyterian Women
- Time For You (Ladies support Group)
- The Wee Café
- Alexandra Missionary Fellowship
- Alexandra Church Choir
- Painting Group
- Boy's Brigade – Anchor Boys, Junior Section & Company Section
- Buggy Buddies (Mums and Tots)
- Girls Allowed (Ladies Group)
- Nite Lite (Community Outreach and support group)

Audio and video recordings of services of worship were introduced in 2020 and these continued and have enabled those who are unable to attend in person to engage in worship. Other activities such as a weekly prayer-time and bible study groups continued to meet both in person and online using Zoom.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally met for socially distanced worship each Sunday at 11.00am and as announced in the evening at 6.30pm. During the week the Bible Study and Prayer Times (online and in person) provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we gave thanks for lives completed and seek to comfort those who had been bereaved.

At 31 December 2022 there were 84 communicant members and 200 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship was 91.

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, an elder, or another member of the congregation.

Mission and outreach

At a local level the congregation supports the North Belfast Food Bank, which operates under the guidance of the Trussell Trust, through a monthly collection of long-life food items.

We also provide "Free Food Friday" each week to distribute mainly fresh food items for use across the local community.

A fundamental element of our purpose as a Church is to reach out to the community around us and share our faith as well as to help meet the needs of our neighbours. This work includes a significant and increasing number of people of all ages who do not attend church of any denomination.

In October 2021, the Trustee appointed a Community Mission Worker for a period of 3 years, supported by the Council for Mission in Ireland of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and by the Urban Mission Trust of the North Belfast Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

The congregation also supports the work of NITE LITE North Belfast which provides assistance and support (practically and spiritually) in local social clubs and on the Shore Road late on Friday nights.

Alexandra Organisations and Activities

The various organisations listed earlier meet in our halls at various times throughout the week providing activities and services for all ages. Other community concerts, events and fund raisers take place in our halls during the year and we welcome these as opportunities to establish relationships with the people who attend.

All of our activities and organisations are open to all and we are proud of the diverse nature of our membership and attendees.

During 2022 a total of 19,040 was donated to Missions and other charitable agencies.

The congregation supports 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, assists with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregations in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care. The congregation also contributes to the denomination's annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School project and any other special appeals that are launched by the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland in response to a major catastrophe.

Presbytery

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our minister and / or one of the elders. This provides an important link between the congregations and the wider structures of the church.

General Assembly

The minister and one of our elders were nominated to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast.

Property

We have an extensive suite of buildings located over two sites as follows:

- Church premises situated at 80 York Road, Belfast BT15 3HF, incorporating the Knowles Memorial Halls accessed from Castleton Avenue, BT15 3ED
- The Church Manse situated at 14 Lismoyne Park, Belfast BT15 5HF.

While we had no major repair or refurbishment projects during the year a total of £9,019 was spent on general maintenance.

Organisations

Alexandra congregation has a wide range of organisations catering for all ages. They meet throughout the week at various times and our halls are fully utilised. Approximate membership numbers are in brackets.

The adult organisations include Alexandra Church Choir (8), Presbyterian Women (40), Crochet Class (30), Time for You (12), The Wee Café (30) and Painting Group (9). Fellowship groups, Bible study and prayer times are held at various times during each week.

The youth organisations of the Congregation include the 58th Belfast Company of the Boys' Brigade [Anchor Boys (20), Junior Section (8) and Company Section (7)], Ignite Youth Fellowship (12), Good News Club (20), Buggy Buddies (30), Kids for Christ (10) and Creche (2).

The purpose of all of these organisations is to serve our community and fulfil our Christian calling as a church which reaches out to the community around it while at the same time providing fellowship and teaching for our existing members.

The Congregation also partners with the Trussell Trust to support their North Belfast Foodbank, which offers food support to anyone in need who is referred to them by a wide range of recognised agencies. In addition, under the FareShare program, we take fresh food, from local supermarkets to make available to our community.

All organisations are open to everyone and religious background is irrelevant, as we seek to live out our mission.

The programs are wide and varied and relevant to the specific ages involved. The emphasis is always on the needs of the members and providing fellowship, fun and teaching.

Proper arrangements for child protection and leadership training are provided and the standards and procedures of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland through Taking Care are implemented in full.

Volunteers

The Trustees thank God and wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on the Congregational Committee and by leading, helping and supporting our organisations and other church activities.

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 congregations and their 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 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 beneficiaries of this purpose are 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 Kirk Session has had regard to the Charity Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is our members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 113 contributors during the year (119 in previous year, 2021) donating a total of £64,775 (£67,165 in previous year, 2021).

Total receipts for the year, however, were £172,195, compared to £121,123 in the previous year. Our Gift Aid return was higher; we received a bequest of £5,000; significant grants came from the North Belfast Presbytery's Urban Mission Trust Fund and the PCI's Council for Mission in Ireland – affording us the employment of an Outreach Mission Worker; our 'Organisations' income was up considerably and, finally, money claimed in error from HMRC, boosted our final 'Total Receipts' figure.

Total expenditure increased from £102,238 to £166,176 (£14,319 had to be repaid to HMRC; with the additional worker our 'Ministry and Support Staff' costs were increased by some £19,000; donations to Missions & Charities grew by £11,000 while our 'Organisations' paid out an extra £11,500).

At the end of 2022 NET FUNDS carried forward were £132,595, (£90,147 unrestricted and £42,448 restricted), compared to £126,576 at the end of 2021 (£83,319 unrestricted and £43,257 restricted.)

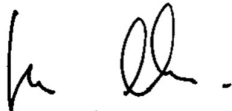
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

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

As the congregation'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.

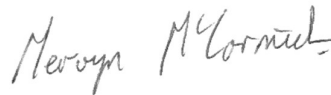
The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the congregation and hence for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

Approved by the Kirk Session of Alexandra Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland on the 23rd October 2023 and signed on its behalf by



Rev. Ian Cahoon

23/10/2023



Mervyn McCormick

23/10/2023

Alexandra Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107685

Annual return

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

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

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 account 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: ... Roy Eakin
Occupation ... Retired Bank Official
Address: ... 18 Farm Lodge Road, Greenisland
... Carrickfergus, Co Antrim BT38 8XH
Date: ... 20th February 2022