

# Killyleagh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108062

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2021-10-27
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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## Activities

**Purposes:** THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world

**What the charity does:** The advancement of religion

**How the charity works:** Religious activities

**Who the charity helps:** General public

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£190,564	£237,937	£-8,972	7

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Christopher Hagan		
Mr Hamilton Marshall		
Mr James Graham Furey		
Mr James Lindsay		
Mr James Scott		
Mr Joseph Raymond Garrett		
Mr Robert Watson McMurray		
Mr Ronald James Beggs		
Mr Samuel James Mcilveen		
Mrs Alice Patterson Gilmore		
Mrs Evelyn Dunlop		
Mrs Helga Nixon		
Mrs Trudy Ann Cole		
Rev Jonathan Boyd		

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# Accounts

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(Known as, Killyleagh Presbyterian Church)

Statement of Financial Activity (Receipts and Payments Account) for the year ended 31 December 2024 :

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endow. Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
<b>Receipts :</b>					
Sale of Coiley Hill Manse		295,000		295,000	0
Free Will / Loose Offering	81,186			81,186	73,971
Killyleagh Community (Charity) Shop Proceeds		34,925		34,925	34,013
Gift Aid Tax Refunds	13,824	3,548		17,372	19,730
Rental income (Net of Agent Fees)		11,840		11,840	9,182
Donations		12,225		12,225	4,429
Special Collections		9,509		9,509	10,830
Investment Income	4,046	4,061		8,107	6,387
Other (including Periodicals)	497	5,458		5,955	6,302
Burial Fees etc.		3,745		3,745	2,450
Bequests	3,000			3,000	8,000
Fund Raisers		1,746		1,746	2,176
Bank Interest Received		954		954	0
<b>Total Receipts =</b>	<b>102,553</b>	<b>383,011</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>485,564</b>	<b>177,470</b>
<b>Payments :</b>					
Minster's Costs (Vac.Convenor / Supply Fees)	57,898			57,898	55,583
Charitable Donations		53,994		53,994	53,114
Property Repairs / Upkeep		50,461		50,461	15,952
Running Costs	15,380	6,364		21,744	19,555
PCI / Presbytery Assessments	21,798			21,798	21,673
Other Salaries - Organist/Cleaner etc.	17,476			17,476	17,476
Legal / Estate Agent Fees - Sale of Coiley Hill Manse		5,812		5,812	0
Charity Shop Overheads		5,365		5,365	4,947
Investment Income Disbursements		1,240		1,240	1,253
Other (incl.Periodicals)		1,100		1,100	640
Bank Charges	91	958		1,049	1,720
Property Purchase - Charity Shop Premises + Flat		0		0	107,337
<b>Total Payments =</b>	<b>112,643</b>	<b>125,294</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>237,937</b>	<b>299,250</b>
<b>Net Receipts / (Payments) =</b>	<b>(10,090)</b>	<b>257,717</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>247,627</b>	<b>(121,780)</b>
Transfer between Funds	(5,938)	5,938		0	0
Funds brought forward	49,112	136,858	0	185,970	307,750
<b>Funds carried forward =</b>	<b>33,084</b>	<b>400,513</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>433,597</b>	<b>185,970</b>

Note - The Killyleagh Community Shop Limited - consolidated into these KPC Accounts - have their Accounts audited by a third party - under the NICC No. 100262.

# Killyleagh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

(Known as, Killyleagh Presbyterian Church)

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities - as at 31 December 2024 :

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endow. Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
<b>Funds Reconciliation :</b>					
Bank & Cash / (Overdraft)	49,112	136,858		185,970	307,750
Net Movement of Funds - incl.Trsf.s	(16,028)	263,655		247,627	(121,780)
<b>Bank &amp; Cash / Overdraft)</b> <b>(at end of Year)</b>	<b>33,084</b>	<b>400,513</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>433,597</b>	<b>185,970</b>
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances :</b>					
Church Bank Accounts :-					
Investment Income Account				253,240	11,136 **
Building Renov./Repairs Account				57,264	24,220 **
Youth Mission Account				44,228	45,149
General / Current Account				33,084	49,112
Seaside Manse Account				20,526	20,021
Social / Fund Raising Account				6,539	6,619
Sunday School Account				4,722	4,291
Graveyard Account				3,467	10,131
Organisation Accounts :-					
Charity Shop Account (incl £ 40 Cash Float)				3,844	8,208
Girls' Brigade Account				3,307	2,101
P.W. Account				2,286	3,941
Choir Account Account				1,028	1,028
Killyleagh Tots (Cash-in Hand)				62	13
Boys' Brigade Account (not currently operating !)				0	0
** - Monies used to purchase the Charity Shop premises + Flat above now re-imbursed having sold the Coiley Hill Manse during 2024.				<b>433,597</b>	<b>185,970</b>
<b>Other Assets :</b>					
Fixed Assets :-	<i>(As per Insured Valuations as at :-</i>			<b>31/10/24</b>	<b>31/10/23 )</b>
Church Buildings - 2 of - incl. Plantation St. Organ - in excess of £ 150,000.				5,984,254	5,793,082
Church Halls - 2 of				2,009,368	1,945,178
Manse - 1 of (incl. Contents) - 2023 had 2 Manses				573,405	1,075,884
Catherine Street Flats				618,229	599,018
Killyleagh Community (Charity) Shop + Flat above <i>(Values as per Insured Valuation Schedule.)</i>				206,600	200,000
(* - Charity Shop Premises + Flat costs (incl. Fees) in 2023 =			107,337 )		
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>				<b>9,391,856</b>	<b>9,613,162</b>

**Killyleagh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**  
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<b>Investments - PCI General Investment Funds</b>	<b>342,896</b>	<b>327,415</b>
(as valued at Market value 31/12/24 and 31/12/23 respectively.)		
Total Assets = (having sold one Manse during 2024)	10,168,349	10,126,547
Liabilities :		
Donations collected and remain due to Overseas Missionaries	(8,972)	(9,394)
Total Liabilities =	<b>10,159,377</b>	<b>10,117,153</b>

Approved by the Kirk Session held on 17/06/25 - and signed on the Kirk Session's behalf :-

Signed : Graham Furey  
Mr. Graham Furey (Clerk of Session)  
Dated : 17/06/25

Signed : James Mcilveen  
Mr. James Mcilveen (Church Treasurer)  
Dated : 17/06/25

**ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

As the total income (that excludes the Sale Proceeds of the Coiley Hill Manse) 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.

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# Accounts

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**Killyleagh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**  
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**Statement of Financial Activity (Receipts and Payments Account) for the year ended 31 December 2023 :**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endow. Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
<b>Receipts :</b>					
Free Will / Loose Offering	73,971			73,971	71,557
Killyleagh Community (Charity) Shop Proceeds		34,013		34,013	24,501
Gift Aid Tax Refunds (re TY 2021/22 -> Dec.'22)	14,060	5,670		19,730	14,666
Special Collections		10,830		10,830	15,410
Rental income (Net of Agent Fees)		9,182		9,182	21,339
Investment Income	3,188	3,199		6,387	6,632
Bequests	8,000			8,000	4,015
Other (including Periodicals)	425	5,877		6,302	2,720
Donations	77	4,352		4,429	6,263
Fund Raisers		2,176		2,176	2,881
Burial Fees etc.		2,450		2,450	2,560
<b>Total Receipts =</b>	<b>99,721</b>	<b>77,749</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>177,470</b>	<b>172,544</b>
<b>Payments :</b>					
Property Purchase - Charity Shop Premises + Flat		107,337		107,337	0
Minster's Costs (Vac.Convenor / Supply Fees)	55,583			55,583	38,773
Charitable Donations		53,114		53,114	33,806
PCI / Presbytery Assessments	21,673			21,673	15,265
Running Costs	14,260	5,295		19,555	21,044
Other Salaries - Organist/Cleaner etc.	17,476			17,476	17,457
Property Repairs / Upkeep		15,952		15,952	22,111
Charity Shop Overheads		4,947		4,947	6,263
Bank Charges	988	732		1,720	1,484
Investment Income Disbursements		1,253		1,253	2,142
Other (incl.Periodicals)		640		640	5,870
<b>Total Payments =</b>	<b>109,980</b>	<b>189,270</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>299,250</b>	<b>164,215</b>
<b>Net Receipts / (Payments) =</b>	<b>(10,259)</b>	<b>(111,521)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(121,780)</b>	<b>8,329</b>
<b>Transfer between Funds</b>	<b>(9,442)</b>	<b>9,442</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Funds brought forward</b>	<b>68,813</b>	<b>238,937</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>307,750</b>	<b>299,421</b>
<b>Funds carried forward =</b>	<b>49,112</b>	<b>136,858</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>185,970</b>	<b>307,750</b>

**Note - The Killyleagh Community Shop Limited - consolidated Into these KPC Accounts - have their Accounts reviewed / audited by a third party - under the NICC No. 100262.**

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endow. Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
<b>Funds Reconciliation :</b>					
Bank & Cash / (Overdraft)	68,813	238,937		307,750	299,421
Net Movement of Funds	(19,701)	(102,079)		(121,780)	8,329
<b>Bank &amp; Cash / Overdraft</b> <b>(at end of Year)</b>	<b>49,112</b>	<b>136,858</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>185,970</b>	<b>307,750</b>
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances :</b>					
Church Bank Accounts :-					
General / Current Account				49,112	68,813
Youth Mission Account				45,149	45,187
Building Renov./Repairs Account **				24,220	72,534
Seaside Manse Account				20,021	19,682
Investment Income Account **				11,136	60,750
Graveyard Account				10,131	11,238
Social / Fund Raising Account				6,619	7,394
Sunday School Account				4,291	4,329
Organisation Accounts :-					
Charity Shop Account (incl £ 40 Cash Float)				8,208	7,934
P.W. Account				3,941	6,318
Girls' Brigade Account				2,101	2,301
Choir Account Account				1,028	1,060
Killyleagh Tots (Cash-in Hand)				13	0
Boys' Brigade Account (not currently operating !)				0	210
<b>** - Monies used to purchase the Charity Shop premises + Flat above</b> <b>are to be re-imbursed once the Coiley Hill Manse is sold.</b>				<b>185,970</b>	<b>307,750</b>
<b>Other Assets :</b>					
Fixed Assets :-	<b>(As per Insured Valuations as at :-</b>			<b>31/10/23</b>	<b>31/10/22 )</b>
Church Buildings - 2 of - incl. Plantation St. Organ - in excess of £ 100,000.				5,793,082	5,554,880
Church Halls - 2 of				1,945,178	1,831,617
Manses - 2 of (incl. Contents)				1,075,884	1,012,807
Catherine Street Flats				599,018	541,259
Killyleagh Community (Charity) Shop + Flat above <b>(Values as per Insured Valuation Schedule.)</b>				200,000 *	
(* - Charity Shop Premises + Flat costs (incl. Fees) =			107,337 )		
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>				<b>9,613,162</b>	<b>8,940,563</b>

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<b>Investments - PCI General Investment Funds</b> (valued at Market value 31/12/23 and 31/12/22 respectively.)	<b>327,415</b>	<b>300,243</b>
Total Assets =	10,126,547	9,548,556
Liabilities :		
Donations due to Overseas Missionaries	(9,394)	(9,657)
Total Liabilities =	<b>10,117,153</b>	<b>9,538,899</b>

Approved by the Kirk Session held on 14/05/24 - and signed on the Kirk Session's behalf :-

Signed : Graham Furey  
Mr. Graham Furey (Clerk of Session)  
Dated : 14/05/24

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# Annual report

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

**Known as, Killyleagh Presbyterian Church**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Trustees of Killyleagh  
Presbyterian Church for the year ended  
31 December 2023**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC108062)**

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY

PROFESSOR [Name]  
Lecturer in Chemistry  
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**KILLYLEAGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
TRUSTEE'S 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**

Registered Name: Killyleagh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, with church buildings in Catherine Street and Plantation Street, Killyleagh, Downpatrick, Co. Down.

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NICC 108062)

**CHARITY TRUSTEES (Kirk Session Members)**

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

Rev Jonathan Boyd  
Mr Ronnie Beggs  
Mrs Trudy Cole  
Mrs Lyn Dunlop  
Mr Graham Furey  
Mr Joe Garrett  
Mrs Alice Gilmore  
Mr Chris Hagan  
Mr Jim Lindsay  
Mr James McIlveen  
Mr Robert McMurray  
Mr Hammy Marshall  
Mrs Helga Nixon  
Mr Jim Scott

**CHURCH PROPERTY TRUSTEES**

The Down Presbyterian Education Board (until 6 December 2023)

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland Holding Trustee Company (after 6 December 2023)

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister and Chair of Trustees Rev. Jonathan Boyd

Clerk of Session	Mr. Graham Furey
Committee Secretary	Mrs. Trudy Cole
Treasurer	Mr. James McIlveen

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER** Mr. Jason Gibson ACA, Bachelors Close, Portadown,  
Co. Armagh, BT63 5FZ.

**BANKERS**

Ulster Bank Limited, 2/8 Market Street, Downpatrick, Co Down, BT30 6BU.

**SOLICITORS**

Murlands, 15 English Street, Downpatrick, Co. Down, BT30 6AP.

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## **STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **The Kirk Session**

The charity trustees of the Congregation are the members of its Kirk Session. Following the guidance of the Code which sets out 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 on the second Tuesday of January, March, May and November each year, and at other times as required.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant at its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation and or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote, and approved by the existing Kirk Session.

### **Presbytery**

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance, the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery. A Presbytery generally superintends the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Killyleagh Presbyterian Church congregation has been assigned to the Down 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 the 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, administrative 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 and 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.

Killyleagh Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland which is a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ. The Presbyterian Church is grounded in God's Word the Scriptures. It exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable its members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to the world.

### **The congregation's mission purpose is:**

In the power of the Holy Spirit we go into the world to fulfil our calling as the people of God and the body of Christ and, by the grace of God, to help people of all ages become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for the success of any business or organization. The text outlines various methods for collecting and organizing data, such as using spreadsheets and databases. It also mentions the need for regular audits to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the information.

In addition, the document highlights the role of technology in streamlining record-keeping processes. It suggests investing in software solutions that can automate data entry and reporting. This not only saves time but also reduces the risk of human error. The text concludes by stating that a robust record-keeping system is a key component of effective financial management.

Furthermore, it is noted that clear and concise communication is vital for ensuring that all stakeholders are aware of the record-keeping procedures. Regular training and updates are necessary to keep everyone on the same page. The document also touches upon the importance of data security and access control to protect sensitive information.

Overall, the document provides a comprehensive overview of record-keeping best practices. It serves as a valuable resource for anyone looking to improve their organizational data management. The text is well-structured and easy to read, making it accessible to a wide range of audiences. It is a clear and concise guide to maintaining accurate and reliable records.

The second part of the document focuses on the practical aspects of implementing a record-keeping system. It provides step-by-step instructions for setting up a database and defining data fields. It also discusses the importance of establishing a consistent naming convention for files and folders. The text offers tips on how to handle large volumes of data and how to ensure that the system is scalable and flexible. It concludes by encouraging readers to start small and gradually expand their record-keeping capabilities.

Finally, the document addresses the common challenges associated with record-keeping. It offers solutions for dealing with incomplete or missing data, as well as how to handle changes in data over time. It also discusses the importance of backup and recovery procedures to prevent data loss. The text ends with a summary of the key points and a call to action, urging readers to take the necessary steps to implement a successful record-keeping system.

In conclusion, the document is a thorough and informative resource for anyone interested in record-keeping. It covers all the essential aspects of the topic, from the importance of accurate records to the practical steps of implementation. The text is well-written and easy to understand, making it a valuable addition to any professional's knowledge base. It is a clear and concise guide to maintaining accurate and reliable records.

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**Our vision is:**

By the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which is;

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

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 toward Him and toward one another
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- 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.

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.

**ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on several occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds regular midweek meetings for study and prayer and has a range of organisations including:-

- Sunday School
- Bible Class
- Youth Fellowship
- Good News Club
- Girls' Brigade
- Presbyterian Women (PW)
- Killyleagh Tots – previously Little Hans, prior to Sept.'22
- Making Mondays Matter
- Crafty Ladies
- Community Lunch

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE****Worship and prayer**

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday morning at 11.00 am. Sunday evening services, when announced, are at 7.00pm there are no evening services during the months of July and August. A Reading Plan is prepared and issued monthly by the Minister to give members a way to worship at home. The regular mid-week Bible Study provides further 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 acknowledged God's gift of new life through administering the Sacrament of Baptism twice (twice in 2022), we conducted no marriage services (once in 2022) and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2023 there were 140 communicant members (175 communicant members in 2022) and 247 families connected with the Congregation (220 families in 2022). The average weekly attendance at morning worship was 85 (average attendance in 2022 was 90). Services continue to alternate monthly between the two Church buildings, at Plantation Street and Catherine Street.

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### **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, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors.

### **Mission and outreach**

The Gospel is proclaimed each Sunday at our services. Occasionally services are arranged that are specifically evangelistic in nature, particularly at significant points in the year such as Easter, Harvest, and Christmas. During the week there are times when the community is welcomed into the church buildings through various organisations which provide opportunities to show the love of God to people by serving them, make connections with the community, and verbally share the good news of the Gospel. During the midweek there is prayer for mission and outreach. Occasional events have been held for children and families such as family fun days, picnic lunch, youth fellowship and both quiz and board game evenings.

The Craft Group and Community Lunch donate any monetary gifts to various mission 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 and assists congregations with the deployment of locally based staff. In addition, it enables church planting, provides grant support for the upkeep of church premises and assists with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students. It also financially supports smaller 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 and any other special appeals.

Guest speakers are occasionally invited to address the congregation in order to highlight and encourage members to support areas of need locally, nationally and internationally. The Presbyterian Women's group within the congregation strongly support mission work at home and abroad. Individual members are rising to the challenge of supporting those in need within the wider community by contributing to the Fountain Food Bank based in the neighbouring Presbyterian congregation of Downpatrick.

### **Presbytery**

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

### **General Assembly**

In June, the minister and a nominated elder attend the annual meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in the Church House, Assembly Buildings, Belfast.

### **Property**

There were no major renovations or repairs to the Church properties during 2023 – with only essential repairs were carried out.

### **ORGANISATIONS**

**PW** meets once a month, usually on a Thursday, excluding the summer months with an average attendance of 12 ladies (25 during 2022).

**Girls' Brigade** meets weekly from September to March on Monday evenings, with different age groups meeting at different times. The average attendance was 35 girls. (30 during 2022)

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**Sunday School** with small numbers initially met once a month but with increased numbers now meets twice a month, during the morning service, for Bible teaching and arts and crafts. It is aimed at children at Primary School and younger - with 15 children enrolled during 2023.(10 during 2022).

**Bible Class** was restarted in 2023, meeting before church on the same Sundays as Sunday School, with Bible teaching for young people in P6 and older.

**Youth Fellowship** met once a month except during the summer, doing Bible study and games with young people from P6 upwards, with a couple of younger children attending as their parents were both present as leaders. Excluding the younger children there were seven children in attendance at various points with a typical attendance of 5.

**Killyleagh Tots** – previously Little Hands prior to September 2022 - is a parent and toddler group that the church hosts on Monday mornings, with approximately 19 households in regular attendance during 2023. (20 during 2022)

**Making Mondays Matter** meets on Monday mornings opening with refreshments. This is followed by the screening of talks and sermons from a variety of speakers after which the topics aired are open for discussion followed by prayer. Typical attendance is around 10–12 people (10-12 during 2022) with a meeting lasting for about an hour and a half.

**Crafty Ladies** meets on a Wednesday morning for craft activities with 10 ladies in attendance, (10 during 2022). Craft items and monetary donations are made to charitable causes.

The **Community Lunch** provides lunch on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month and is open to anyone within the community. It provides an opportunity to share a meal, to make new friends and for company. Attendance in 2023 varied from 18–26 people. (6-20 during 2022)

**Good News Club** started in September, meeting two Wednesday evenings a month except during the summer, for Bible based activities, crafts and games. It is aimed at children aged 2–12. There were 11 children in attendance at different points, with a typical attendance of 7.

#### **Volunteers**

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on committees and helping with 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 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, 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 notice boards, 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 Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. For 2023 there were 146 contributing families\* during the year (in 2022 there were 163) donating a total of £73,971, including any loose collection. (in 2022 this figure was £71,557).

(\*Note - previously it was the number of contributors that was reported = 211 for 2022).

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £177,470 (in 2022 this figure was £172,544).

During 2023 total expenditure increased significantly to £299,250 (in 2022 this figure was £164,215). This was primarily due to the purchase of the premises used by the Killyleagh Community Shop along with the Flat above – costing £ 107,337; although having a full-time minister for the whole year also contributed to this higher level of expenditure for 2023 – together with an increase in Charitable Donations.

The Killyleagh Community Shop Limited (NICC 10262) is now under the control of Killyleagh Presbyterian Church with the Directors appointed by the Kirk Session. The Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Community Shop are audited and filed separately with NICC and Company Register.

### **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.

The 2023 Annual Report was approved by the Kirk Session members of Killyleagh Presbyterian Church on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and signed on their behalf by :-

Signed : Graham Furey  
Mr. Graham Furey – Clerk of Session  
Dated: 14-05-24

Signed : James McIlveen  
Mr. James McIlveen – Church Treasurer  
Dated: 14-05-24



**Killyleagh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108062

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# Annual return

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## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF KILLYLEAGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

I have examined the Church Accounts of Killyleagh Presbyterian Church which will be presented to the session Members (being the Trustees) at the next appropriate Session meeting - at which the Financial Report, including the Church Accounts reviewed, for the Year 2023 is to be presented for acceptance.

I have reviewed the major entries and balances on the Church's financial records - as set out in the accounts - reconciled to the Bank Statements (where applicable) and can confirm that the figures reported are in accordance with the Church's Financial Records.

Signed : Jason Gibson Dated: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Mr. Jason Gibson, Bachelors Close Portadown, Co. Armagh, BT63 5FZ.

**Killyleagh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

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# Accounts

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## Killyleagh Presbyterian Church - of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

### Statement of Financial Activity (Receipts and Payments Account) for the year ended 31 December 2022 :

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endow. Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
<b>Receipts :</b>					
Free Will / Loose Offering	71,557			71,557	69,948
Charity Shop Proceeds - 'NEW'->	<i>Opening Bal.=*</i> 2,240	22,261		24,501	0
Rental income (Net of Agent Fees)		21,339		21,339	29,782
Special Collections		15,410		15,410	9,326
Gift Aid Tax Refunds (re TY 2020/21 -> Dec.'20)	11,474	3,192		14,666	13,694
Donations	320	5,943		6,263	7,327
Investment Income	3,310	3,322		6,632	6,388
Bequests	4,015			4,015	340
Fund Raisers		2,881		2,881	2,540
Burial Fees etc.		2,560		2,560	1,855
Other (including Periodicals)	163	2,557		2,720	324
<b>Total Receipts =</b>	<b>93,079</b>	<b>79,465</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>172,544</b>	<b>141,524</b>
0				0	
<b>Payments :</b>					
Running Costs	13,723	7,321		21,044	21,911
Charitable Donations		33,806		33,806	23,702
Property Repairs / Upkeep		22,111		22,111	2,766
Other Salaries - Organist/Cleaner etc.	17,457			17,457	17,534
PCI / Presbytery Assessments	15,265			15,265	10,412
Minster's Costs (Vac.Convenor / Supply Fees)	38,773			38,773	9,905
Charity Shop Overheads		6,263		6,263	0
Investment Income Disbursements		2,142		2,142	17
Other (incl.Periodicals/New Min.Install.Costs)	4,026	1,844		5,870	0
Bank Charges	1,089	395		1,484	840
Upgrading Sound / Power Point - Catherine St.				0	10,209
<b>Total Receipts =</b>	<b>90,333</b>	<b>73,882</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>164,215</b>	<b>97,296</b>
0		0			
<b>Net Receipts / (Payments) =</b>	<b>2,746</b>	<b>5,583</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,329</b>	<b>44,228</b>
Transfer between Funds	(8,579)	8,579		0	0
Funds brought forward	74,646	224,775		299,421	255,193
Funds carried forward =	68,813	238,937	0	307,750	299,421
	0	0		0	0

Note - The Killyleagh Community Shop Limited have now been incorporated into the KPC 2022 Accounts - with the 'Shop' Accounts having been reviewed / audited by a third party.)

## Killyleagh Presbyterian Church - of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities - as at 31 December 2022 :

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endow. Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021	
<b>Funds Reconciliation :</b>						
Bank & Cash / (Overdraft)	74,646	224,775		299,421	255,193	
Net Movement of Funds	(5,833)	14,162		8,329	44,228	
<b>Bank &amp; Cash / Overdraft)</b>	<b>68,813</b>	<b>238,937</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>307,750</b>	<b>299,421</b>	
<b>(at end of Year)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances :</b>						
Church Accounts :-						
General / Current Account				68,813	74,646	74,646
Building Renov./Repairs Account				72,534	68,351	68,351
Investment Income Account				60,750	57,907	57,907
Youth Mission Account				45,187	42,810	42,810
Seaside Manse Account				19,682	22,548	22,548
Graveyard Account				11,238	12,356	12,356
Social / Fund Raising Account				7,394	7,293	7,293
Sunday School Account				4,329	3,873	3,873
Organisation Accounts :-						
P.W. Account				6,318	5,789 *	5,789
Girls' Brigade Account				2,301	2,555 *	2,555
Choir Account Account				1,060	1,083	1,083
Boys' Brigade Account (not currently operating !)				210	210	210
Charity Shop Account -'NEW'->*				7,934	0	
				<b>307,750</b>	<b>299,421</b>	<b>299,421</b>
				<b>0</b>		
* - corrected !						
<b>Other Assets :</b>						
Fixed Assets :-	(As per Insured Valuations as at :-			31/10/22	31/10/21 )	
Church Buildings - 2 of				5,554,880	4,867,274	
- incl. Plantation St. Organ - in excess of £ 100,000.						
Church Halls - 2 of				1,831,617	1,647,137	
Manses - 2 of (incl. Contents)				1,012,807	878,386	
Catherine Street Flats				541,259	486,744	
(Values as per Insured Valuation Schedule.)						
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>				<b>8,940,563</b>	<b>7,879,541</b>	

<b>Investments - PCI General Investment Funds</b>	<b>300,243</b>	<b>311,989</b>
(valued at Market value 31/12/22 and 31/12/21 respectively.)		
 Total Assets =	 9,548,556	 8,490,951
 Liabilities :		
Donations due to Overseas Missionaries	(9,657)	(7,125)
 Total Liabilities =	 <b>9,538,899</b>	 <b>8,483,826</b>

Approved by the Kirk Session held on ??/0?/23 - and signed on the Kirk Session's behalf :-

Signed : *Graham Furey*  
Mr. Graham Furey (Clerk of Session)  
Dated : 22/08/23

Signed : *James Mcilveen*  
Mr. James Mcilveen (Church Treasurer)  
Dated : 22/08/23

# **KILLYLEAGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

## **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.

**Killyleagh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108062

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# Annual report

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

**Aka 'Killyleagh Presbyterian Church' (KPC)\***

**\*Killyleagh Presbyterian Church (KPC) is the new entity of  
the former congregations of First Killyleagh (NICC 105203)  
and Second Killyleagh (NICC 105204) that amalgamated with  
effect from 01/01/21**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements of the  
Trustees of Killyleagh Presbyterian Church for the  
year ended 31 December 2022**

## **KILLYLEAGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TRUSTEE'S 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**

Registered Name: The Killyleagh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland operates within church buildings in Catherine Street and Plantation Street, Killyleagh, Downpatrick, Co. Down.

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC108062)

### **CHARITY TRUSTEES (Kirk Session Members)**

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

Rev. Alistair Smyth (until May 2022)  
Rev. Jonathan Boyd (from May 2022)  
Mr. Ronnie Beggs  
Mrs. Trudy Cole  
Mr. Samuel B. Cunningham (retired November 2022)  
Mrs. Lyn Dunlop  
Mr. Graham Furey  
Mr. Joe Garrett  
Mrs. Alice Gilmore  
Mr. Chris Hagan  
Mr. Jim Lindsay  
Mrs. Zena McAllister (died June 2022)  
Mr. James McIlveen  
Mr Robert McMurray (from September 2022)  
Mr. Hammy Marshall  
Mr. Helga Nixon  
Mr. Jim Scott

### **CHURCH PROPERTY TRUSTEES**

The Down Presbytery Education Board

### **PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister and Chair of Trustees	Rev. Alistair Smyth (Vacancy Convenor) (until May 2022) Rev. Jonathan Boyd (from May 2022)
Clerk of Session	Mr. Graham Furey
Committee Secretary	Mrs. Trudy Cole
Treasurer	Mr. James McIlveen

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER** Mr. Jason Gibson ACA, of Bachelors Close, Portadown, Co. Armagh, BT63 5FZ.

### **BANKERS**

Ulster Bank Limited, 2/8 Market Street, Downpatrick, Co Down, BT30 6BU.

### **SOLICITORS**

Murlands Solicitors. 15 English Street, Downpatrick, Co. Down, BT30 6AP.

## **STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **The Kirk Session**

The charity trustees of the Congregation are the members of its Kirk Session. Under the governing document (The Code - the constitution and governance book of the congregation's Presbyterian Church in Ireland) the Kirk Session seeks to oversee and promote the spiritual interests 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 on the first Thursday of January, March, May, November each year, and at other times as required.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member of that congregation and a regular attendant at its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation and or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote, and approved by the existing Kirk Session.

### **Presbytery**

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland's form of governance, the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which generally superintends the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Killyleagh Presbyterian Church congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland has been assigned to the Down Presbytery. 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, administrative 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.

At the 2019 General Assembly approval was sought for the two congregations in Killyleagh (First and Second Killyleagh) to be amalgamated. This approval was granted, fully sanctioned by the Linkage Commission, Church House in November 2020, to take effect from 1st January 2021. This was subsequently approved by the NI Charity Commission on 27/10/21 with the previously two elected Kirk Sessions acting as one overseeing the new entity - Killyleagh Presbyterian Church.

## **DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

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

Killyleagh 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 God's Word (Scripture). It exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son, by the power of His Spirit, enabling its members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

### **The congregation's mission purpose is:**

In the power of the Holy Spirit we go into the world to fulfil our calling as the people of God and the body of Christ; and, by the grace of God, to help people of all ages become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:

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

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 toward Him and toward one another
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ
- 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
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As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life through administering the Sacrament of Baptism twice (2021 - 1); we conducted one marriage service (2021 - 1) and sought to comfort those bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2022 there were 175 communicant members (2021 - 170) and 220 families connected with the congregation (2021 - 280). The average weekly attendance at morning worship was 90 – (2021 - 65 during Covid-19 restrictions). Services continue to alternate between the two church buildings in Plantation Street and Catherine Street.

### **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, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors.

### **Mission and outreach**

The Gospel is proclaimed each Sunday at our services. Occasionally services are arranged that are specifically evangelistic in nature, particularly at significant points in the year such as Easter, Harvest, and Christmas. During the week there are times when the community is welcomed into the church buildings through various organisations which provide opportunities to show the love of God to people by serving them, make connections with the community, and verbally share the good news of the gospel. During the midweek there is prayer for mission and outreach. Events are held to encourage parents, children and indeed families - family Fun days, picnic lunch days, youth fellowship meetings and both quiz and board game evenings.

The Craft and Soup Lunch groups donate any monetary gifts to various mission 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 and outreach of the denomination, beyond what separate congregations 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 training college for ministerial students) and financially supports smaller 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 projects and any other special appeals.

Guest speakers are occasionally invited to address the congregation in order to highlight and encourage members to support areas of need both locally, nationally and internationally. The Presbyterian Women's group within the congregation and the wider church strongly support mission work at home and abroad. Individual members are rising to the challenge of supporting those within the wider community by contributing items for a Food Bank administered and based in the neighbouring Presbyterian congregation of Downpatrick.

### **Presbytery**

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our minister and a ruling elder. This representation provides an important link between the congregations and the wider courts of the church.

### **General Assembly**

The minister and a nominated elder attended the annual June meeting of the General Assembly normally held in the Church House Assembly Buildings, Belfast.

### **Property**

There were no major renovations or repairs to the Church properties during 2022.

## **ORGANISATIONS**

**PW** meets once a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month (excluding the summer months) with an average attendance of 25 ladies.

**Girls' Brigade** meets weekly from September to March on Monday evenings, with different age groups meeting at different times. The average attendance - 30 girls

**Sunday School** with small numbers met once a month but with increased numbers now meets twice a month, during morning worship for Bible teaching, arts and crafts. Children up to the age of 11 are catered for and during the year (2022) 10 children attended.

**Little Hands** is a parent and toddler group the church hosts on Monday mornings. Up to with approximately 20 households are in regular attendance.

**Making Mondays Matter** meets on Monday morning opening with light refreshments followed by the screening of a variety of preachers whose sermons and talks are streamed on the internet. After watching and listening the topics aired open discussions take place followed by prayer. A typical meeting lasts 1 to 1½ hours with 10–12 people in regular attendance

**Crafty Ladies** meets on a Wednesday mornings for craft activities with 15 – 20 ladies in regular attendance. Craft items and monetary donations are made to charitable causes regularly.

**Community Soup Lunches** are provided on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. Open to members and anyone within the community. An opportunity to share a meal, make new friendships and company. Attendance can vary in numbers from 6 to 20 people.

### **Volunteers**

The Trustees acknowledge their deep appreciation to all those who give freely of their time by serving on committees, helping with groups / 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.

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 notice boards, 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 Commission's Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. For 2022 there were 211 contributors during the year (2021 - 216) donating a total of £71,557 (2021 - £ 69,948) Total Income of the congregation during the year was £172,544 (2021 - £141,524).

Total expenditure increased significantly to £ 164,215 during 2022 (2021 - £ 97,296). This was primarily due to the additional outlay incurred on salary / expenses etc following the appointment (May 2022) of a new full-time minister, together with the corresponding increased Assessments levied by Church House.


The Killyleagh Community Shop Limited (NICC 100262) is now under the control of Killyleagh Presbyterian Church with the directors appointed by the Kirk Session. The Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Community Shop are both audited and filed separately with the CCNI and the Company's Register.


### **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 congregations 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.

The 2022 Annual Report was approved by the Kirk Session members of Killyleagh Presbyterian Church on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 – and signed on their behalf by :-

Signed : Graham Furey  
Mr. Graham Furey – Clerk of Session  
22/08/23 

Signed : James McIlveen  
Mr. James McIlveen – Church Treasurer  
22/08/23 

**Killyleagh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

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# Annual return

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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF KILLYLEAGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

I have examined the Church Accounts of Killyleagh Presbyterian Church which will be presented to the Session Members (being the Trustees) at the next appropriate Session Meeting -where the Financial Report for the Year 2022 is to be presented for acceptance.

I have checked the balances on the bank / cash records, set out in the accounts, and reconciled them to the Bank Statements.

Signed : Jason Gibson Dated: 27 th April 2023

Mr. Jason Gibson of Bachelors Close, Portadown, Co. Armagh, BT63 5FZ.

