

## **MONEYREAGH NON-SUBSCRIBING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**50 Church Road, Moneyreagh, Newtownards, BT23 6BA**

**NI Charity Registration No. 100115**

**Trustees' Annual Report  
1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

The Church Trustees have much pleasure in presenting their report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

Church services were held every Sunday morning at 11.30am and conducted by our Minister Rev. Chris Wilson. We had our special Easter Service, Mother's Day Service, Harvest and Candlelight Services. Also Communion Service in May and November and Remembrance Day Service. Rev. Chris Wilson does pastoral visiting twice a year to all out church members as well as visiting the sick and elderly in hospital and Care Homes and in their own home. Our Sunday school re-opened again in September. Bible class now meets in the Manse and it is hoped that the Prayer Group and Conversation Group will re-start soon. Moneyreagh Church is also an active member of The Comber Churches Together when Ministers swap Pulpits.

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June Moneyreagh Church hosted a Thanksgiving Queen's Platinum Jubilee Service. All the community organisations that are in Moneyreagh took part in the service after which light refreshments were served in the Lyttle Memorial Hall. The collection was in aid of the Air Ambulance N.I.

Session members meet bi-monthly to help organise the special services. Session also do twice yearly visits to church members and help to distribute the fruit, flowers and vegetables to the elderly members of the congregation and also to the local food bank.

The church committee members meet monthly to conduct church business. They are responsible for the upkeep of church property and also church finances. To help raise church funds one of our Church Elders along with some friends did a Cycle ride of 30 miles round the local locality.

The bowling Club, The youth organisations, Young Farmers' Club, Michelle Johnston School of Dancing use the Lyttle Memorial every week. Moneyreagh Primary School hold rehearsals for the school concert which takes place at the end of March. Birthday parties are also held in the Lyttle Memorial Hall. The School hold their Christmas Carol Service on alternate years with the local Presbyterian Church. The Lyttle Memorial Hall is open to all communities to use.

We continue to support the Denominational Orphan Society and collect used postage stamps for the Leprosy Mission. The Christmas Tree Appeal went to motor Neurone Disease.

We are conscious that church activities are now back in full. The Trustees have regard to the benefit of the public ensuing that Church works to enrich the lives of church members, their families and all the organisations attached to the Church and the wider community. In doing so the Church seeks as its charitable purposes to promote the inalienable right of every Christian to search the record of Divine Truth for his own instruction and Guidance, to form his own opinions with regard to what they teach, and worship God in sincerity, agreeably to the dictates of his own conscious without privation, penalty, or inconvenience inflicted by his fellow-man.

The Church is governed by Trust Deed and acts in accordance with 'The Constitution and Code of Discipline' of the Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church of Ireland.

The following individuals served as charity trustees during the year on the date the Trustee report was approved: Mr. Hugh Hogg, Mr. James Blair, Mr. David Nelson Bryce, Mrs. Anne Catherine Tweed, Miss Gwendoline Florence Mavienne Kinnear, Mrs. Elizabeth Ann McLoughlin, Mr. Samuel James Dickson, Mrs. Roberta Georgina Carson, Mrs. Heather McIver.

This concludes the Trustees Report.

Signed: *G. Kinnear*

Date: *12/3/2023*

Gwen Kinnear ( Trustee and Hon. Secretary)