

Independent Examiner's report to the Charity Trustees of Moira Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ending 31st March 2024 which is enclosed in page 1

Respective responsibilities of charity Trustees and examiner.

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

It is my responsibility to:

1. Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
2. Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
3. State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiners report.

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

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

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

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

5. CCNI ARR07—supporting document 5 August 2016

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 the following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing attention.

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Signed James Parke

Dated 26/05/24

Relevant professional qualifications or body
M.A Dip Ed

**Moira Non – Subscribing Presbyterian Church.
Secretaries Report as at the 31st March 2024.**

Work and Witness:

Since my last report, Sunday services have continued on the second and last Sunday of each month and we commenced the new term with our Minister in Charge, The Very Rev. Robert McKee. Events throughout the year:

April:

The position of a P/T Minister of Religion (Self-Supporting) in Moira was circulated by the Clerk of the Bangor Presbytery on 16th March. Having been unaware of the closing date, and the fact that we had received no applications to date, the Clerk was contacted on 25th April. He informed us that Paul Jeffrey was the only applicant. Despite the fact that our Rep. Elder was to be copied into all applications, Trevor informed the Presbytery at their meeting on 31st May that we still had not seen an application. In the ensuing time Mr Jeffrey had been interviewed by Mountpottinger and had been appointed to the post there. The Clerk later confirmed via email (July 17th) that Moira had indeed not been cc'd into the application and had not been kept in touch.

The AGM was held on Sunday 30th April following morning service, with a reasonable attendance. The meeting was chaired by our Mil/C, reports circulated, agreed and signed. The Congregation continue to adhere to the Denominational Guidelines for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults. Moira was represented at the ordination/installation of Elder in Killinchy NSPC. May: Some of our Ladies attend the NSPC Craft & Talent Showcase in Holywood NSPC on Sat 20th May. Audrey Wilkinson displayed her knitting skills in support of McMillian Cancer Support and Joan Agnew, her sewing skills in support of Days For Girls. The Sacrament of Communion was held on Sun 28th May and was conducted by the Rev Robert. This was in fact his last service as our Mil/C and we are most grateful to both him and Lorna for their services.

Rep. Elder Trevor and Joan (observer) attended and reported to the Quarterly meeting of the Presby of Bangor in Moneysreagh NSPC. Rev Alistair Bell was appointed as our Mil/C for the ensuing quarter. June: Synod meetings of NSPCI were held in the Lodge Hotel Coleraine over two days and hosted by Ballymoney NSPC. Rep Elder Trevor and Joan (observer) attended and were honoured to be recognised with the Moderator's Award for committed maintenance of worship at Moira and support to Synod/Presby and Denominational events in general. July: Paul Jeffrey conducted our service on the 30th August 23rd: The congregation was represented at the Ordination/Installation of the Rev. Paul Jeffrey as P/T Minister of Mountpottinger NSPC and at the Ordination/Installation of Rev. Lynda Kane as Minister of Ballyclare, Ballymoney and Cairncastle Churches. Rep. Elder Trevor and Joan (observer) attended and reported to the Quarterly meeting of the Presby of Bangor in Cairncastle NSPC. September: Rev. Linda Ballard conducted the service on 10th October: Rev Alistair, Trevor and I attended the neighbouring Presbyterian Church harvest service. We held our own Harvest Thanksgiving Service conducted by the Rev. Alistair. The organist Mrs Julie Black and the Choir from First Dromore NSP, lead the praise. We continue to be indebted to our Dromore friends who have been faithful to Moira for more years than I care to recall. We had a very good attendance and Harvest Supper was enjoyed by all present. Everyone left with at least one daffodil bulb kindly donated by Rev. Alistair. His little gifts were to become a feature in the coming services.

All the decorations were non perishable and were donated to the Moira Food Bank and the Moira Hygiene Bank.

It was agreed to cancel our service in Moira on 29th and a deputation (10) attended the harvest service in All Soul's Belfast. It was good to maintain the link, formally through the late Rev. Dr A L Agnew and currently with Rev. Alistair as their Assistant Minister. November: Rev. Alistair and members attended the war memorial at St John's Church Moira, prior to our own very poignant Remembrance Service at 11:30am. Moira was represented at the installation of the Rev. Rosalind Taggart as Minister to Ballee and Clough Churches. The Very Rev. Robert McKee conducted our Communion Service.

Rep. Elder Trevor and Joan (observer) attended and reported to the Quarterly meeting of the Presby of Bangor in Banbridge NSPC. They also attended the ordination/installation of new Elders before this meeting.

December: The first edition of our new look quarterly Denominational magazine "INSpiration" was published and featured an article by our very own Barbara Brown. We held our Carol service on Sunday 10th Dec, with Jim, Lorraine and Rosemary taking readings. The church very tastefully decorated. Each member received a gift of chocolates from Rev. Alistair and each family received a copy of Soldiers, Sailors, Saints and Spinners kindly donated to us by Rev. Paul McAdam of the Aghalee Parish Heritage Project.

Our small roadside house was also decorated by Rev. Alistair and this was noted by passer bys. Christmas Eve morning some of our members visited our Comber church. On New Years Eve we had a lively coming together and finished with members in the isle singing Auld Lang Syne. **January:** Rev. Linda Ballard conducted morning worship on 28th. **February:** At our service on the 11th Rev. Alistair's theme was love (Valentine's Day 14th) and all present left with a heart to hold near in difficult times. Moira hosted the quarterly meeting/AGM of the Presbytery of Bangor **March:** Rev. Alistair, Trevor and Joan attended the World Day of Prayer Service in Magheralin C of I Church. The theme was "I beg you, bear with one another" and was prepared by the Christian Women of Palestine. A very poignant service given the current state of war. Joan continues to coordinate these services in the area, as she has done so for the last 15 years. At our service on 10th (Mother's Day) all our Ladies were given a potted plant and a small white carnation.

At the request of Rev. Alistair, our meeting house was granted for the celebration service for the short life(32 days) of Baby Aria Shields. Rev. Alistair attended the dawn service in Moira Demesne on Easter Sunday, had breakfast in the local Presbyterian Church and then conducted our own Easter Service. This was a memorable service both for content and attendance, oh and of course the EGGs. Our courageous and talented member Audrey Wilkinson and her sidekick Lorraine featured in the March edition of "INSpiration".

Our social half hour continues from 11am-11:30am ish with members taking it in turn to provide eats. As part of his Duke of Edinburgh, Silver award, Evan Millar ably assists. This really is proving a great time for social interaction. Thanks are expressed to Rev. Alistair and Simon Agnew who together, keep us "alive" on social media. We offer our heartfelt gratitude to the Rev Alistair for his spiritual guidance/ pastoral care and his general enthusiasm since he took over as our Mic. His enthusiasm is infectious and it is good to see an increase in visitor attendance.

Property/Records: Our Treasurer, behind the scenes, has carried out much work in the search for our lost deeds. He has been to Belfast/Dublin and has taken legal advice. He may not have found deeds but he did find the original copy of a typed indenture which the commissioners viewed at our Presbytery visitation in August 2022. Terry is to be commended for his efforts to safeguard the future of our Congregation and Property here in Moira.

In the later end of 2023 NI Electricity Networks upgraded the main cable supply to the Church. Jan/Feb 24 We had a complete service and repair of our fire alarm system and equipment with appropriate certificates issued. This is quite a financial burden of cost for our small church in order to meet regulations.

In the absence of Colin Wilkinson (contractor) who is still undergoing medical care, the general upkeep of the grounds throughout the year was carried out by Trevor, assisted in the last month by Colin Millar and Evan. Joan and Trevor on a voluntary basis continue to clean/open/close the Church for worship.

In conclusion: Some of you have experienced personal loss, sickness, and others of you are coming to terms with your own personal struggles. We keep you in our thoughts and prayers and ask God to support and strengthen you, as we, your Church Family will endeavour to do.