

Ballycraigy Congregational Church

**Trustees' Report and Annual Financial Statements
217th Year ended 31st December 2022**

Services & Organisations

Sunday

Prayer Meeting		10:30
Bible Class	Mr & Mrs Colin Barr	10:30
Morning Service		11:30
Crèche	Mrs Janice Quinn	11:30
Kid's Church	Mrs Jayne Morton	11:50
Evening Service		18:30
Youth Fellowship	Mrs Aileen Humphreys	20:00

Monday

Women @ Ballycraigy (2nd Monday)	Mrs Helen Morton	8.00
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Tuesday

Lunchtime hour (1 st Tuesday)	Mr Adrian Magowan	12:00
Girls Brigade	Captain-Mrs Deborah Robinson	19:00
Fellowship Group (Manse)		19.15

Wednesday

Tots Time		10:00
Bible Study & Prayer		20.00
Fellowship Groups (Every 3 rd week)		19.30

Thursday

Boys Brigade	Captain-Mr Glenn Goodman	20:00
	Company Section	
	Anchor Boys & Juniors	18:45

Friday

Friday Bible Club	Mr Peter Hamilton	18.45
Youth Club	Mr Andrew Goodman	20.15
Boys Bible Study (1st Friday)	Mr Richard Harris	20.00
Girls Bible Study (1st Friday)	Mrs Cynthia Reid & Mrs Janice Quinn	20.00

Saturday

Junior Youth Club (1 st Saturday)	Mrs Alison Ritchie	17:30
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Ballycraigy Congregational Church References and Administrative Details

Name	Ballycraigy Congregational Church
Address	Ballycraigy Road Newtownabbey Co. Antrim BT36 4TB
Website	www.ballycraigy.org.uk
Charity Registration Number	NIC 101413
Trustees	Mr Adrian Magowan Mr Peter Hamilton Mr Colin Barr
Deacons	Mr Sam Beattie Mr Adrian Magowan Mr Peter Hamilton Mr Robert Ashcroft Mr Stephen McLoughlin Dr Gareth Morton Mr Philip McLain (Appointed March 2022)
Minster / Pastor	Rev Andrew Quinn
Student Pastor Pastoral Assistant	Mr Josh Patterson Mr Nathaniel Barr
Church Visitors	Mr Adrian Magowan Mrs Valerie Magowan Mrs Janice Quinn
Secretary	Mr Sam Beattie
Treasurer	Mr Adrian Magowan
Bankers	Danske Bank Ltd
Independent Examiner	Mr J.L Grant FCCA

Ballycraigy Congregational Church Pastor's Letter

Dear Ballycraigy Church,

Each year end provides a helpful moment to stop and reflect on what the Lord has done among us. Looking back over the past 12 months we can see God's grace in protection and provision in so many ways. We can say with Samuel, "Till now the LORD has helped us."

As before I will use the categories of outreach, growth, training and sending as a framework for evaluation and aspiration.

Reach - our responsibility to be witnesses to the gospel of Christ in our place and generation: Outreach in Ballycraigy across all ages is continually happening, lots of young people who don't know Jesus personally attend our various children's and youth organisations. Also Tots Time, Lunchtime Hour, Coffee Morning, Women @ Ballycraigy and pastoral care visitation all give real and regular opportunities to present Christ to those who don't know Him and some have come to saving faith in 2022.

Just under a year ago, having essentially met the first post covid target of getting our regular programme up and running, we targeted three specific opportunities aimed at outreach; Messy Church, relaunch of our Youth Club on Fridays and a Tent Mission.

Messy Church has worked really well to reach out to the whole family, in September 2022 and January 2023 we had approximately 80 people attending each time, about half of whom are not part of the church. At Messy Church we do crafts on a bible theme, have a short time of worship including bible teaching and share a meal together. We believe Messy Church is a useful addition to our programme.

Youth Club has relaunched on Friday evenings and has steadily built through the year. We look forward to a good group of our P7's joining in April and into next year. The group has a balance of our own young people and friends they bring along. We give thanks for this and pray as in previous generations it will be a stepping stone to faith in Christ and belonging in the church for young people and even their families.

A Tent Mission is scheduled for May 2023 at Ballyhartfield, Templepatrick. We look forward to this event and pray for God to use it for His glory.

Grow - the health and vitality of Christians: It is a tremendous privilege to preach and teach God's word to the gathered church, three times each week. We give thanks for a varied preaching team with Josh, Nathanael and others from within and without Ballycraigy, alongside myself, faithfully teaching God's word. We believe that God is continually at work to challenge and encourage and so we press on. In addition, we give thanks for the additional commitment to Pastoral Care made at our last AGM. We are seeing the fruit of additional time invested in people. We give thanks for Adrian, Valerie and Janice as they give themselves wholeheartedly in this vital work.

Train - equipping our own to lead and training the next generation of teachers and evangelists: It's hard to believe that the two-year programme that Nathanael started with Cornhill in September 2021 will come to an end in June 2023. We give thanks for all that Nathanael has brought to us and for the front row seat we've had in seeing the Lord lead his servant forward. We pray on for Nathanael as he completes the remaining months of his Apprenticeship and embarks on the next chapter. Josh too, is coming to the end of his undergraduate course at Irish Baptist College, we give thanks for his significant input into church life at Ballycraigy and pray on for him as he continues to follow the call of God on his life.

Send - supporting our missionaries: We give thanks to God for our Mission family. Henry and Beth continue to be busy with the work of Asialink developing and supporting partners in gospel work across Asia. After a couple of years of restrictions due to Covid, they were able to visit India this past summer and then they shared their experience with the church. We were left with a

sense of the great need for a people enshrouded in darkness and idolatry, to hear the gospel of Christ! Yet in response to need, God is at work. A work is being done to train up young men and women to carry the gospel across to the people of North India and beyond.

It is a joy to read Brian and Hazel's prayer reports every couple of weeks, God has surely opened up a door of opportunity for them and is equipping them for the task. Reaching out to all ages in various locations across Cavan and Monaghan, supporting small churches, reaching into schools, running summer camps and speaking specifically to individuals who are beginning to hear God speak.

January 2023 has brought change for Andrew and Grace, in that, by the Lord's leading and providence they stood down from membership of The Faith Mission. Their work however, continues at Earlesfield Community Church. Many in Ballycraigy, were touched as Andrew shared about the ministry of the church on the Earlesfield estate, in January. So much of their time is given to working continually with people, teaching them the scriptures, preaching the gospel, building relationships. As Andrew preached, his points were 1) Don't waste your life, 2) Don't quit, 3) Don't lose sight of the finish line. These points sum up the whole life commitment that Andrew and Grace have for the work in Grantham.

At the 2022 AGM Philip McLain was brought onto the Diaconate - we thank God for his commitment, spirituality and wisdom and for each of the men who serve on the Diaconate.

Much has been done, much is happening at present and yet as always there is so much more to be doing. Outreach never ends and we need to be continually developing our approach to reach an increasingly secular society. As the nurture of family must change with changing ages, so the shape of church programmes must evolve that they might serve the purpose of presenting everyone mature in Christ.

Please continue as you have done to worship wholeheartedly, give and serve sacrificially and pray always for the work of the Gospel at Ballycraigy and beyond.

In Christ,

Andrew Quinn
Pastor

Ballycraig Congregational Church Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2022

Ballycraig Congregational Church (the church) is an independent autonomous fellowship of Christians, who having declared personal faith in Jesus Christ, agreeing to be banded together as a New Testament church with Jesus Christ as its sole head.

The church has accepted the designation of Congregationalism as a denomination. Within Congregationalism the administration and regulation of the church is self-contained, each church being a separate and distinct entity.

The church has a published Constitution including a Covenant and Code of Doctrine that all members are expected wholeheartedly to adhere to. Copies of the Constitution are available on request. As a charity and as required by legislation the church is registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Meetings for fellowship and worship are held in the church premises situated at Ballycraig Road, Newtownabbey. From time to time meetings for worship or fellowship may be held outside of these premises. The church only meets for properly constituted business meetings at its premises.

Leadership: The deacons, with the Pastor / Minister are the leaders of the church.

The church leadership is responsible for the oversight and administration of the congregation, for this purpose regular meetings of the diaconate are convened.

Deacons are appointed by the membership of the church at Members Meetings/AGM's for a term of 3 years and on retirement are eligible for re-election. All males who have reached the age of 18, have been members of the church for at least one year and, possess the necessary gifts and qualifications of a deacon as detailed in scripture are eligible for consideration for service on the Diaconate. Further requirements for the role are as detailed in the Constitution.

At the 2022 AGM held on 16th March 2022, Mr Philip McLain was unanimously appointed by the church members as a deacon and Mr Sam Beattie re-appointed as a deacon, both for a term of three years. The current deacons and dates for their re-election are as follows;

AGM 2023
P. Hamilton
A. Magowan
R. Ashcroft

AGM 2024
S. McLoughlin
G. Morton

AGM 2025
S. Beattie
P McLain

The deacons are responsible for appointing appropriate persons from within their number to be the Church Treasurer and Secretary and also to assist and oversee the activities of each organisation connected with the church. The leadership has a clear and acknowledged responsibility before God and the membership of the church for ensuring each organisation or group encompassing all aspects of voluntary service and activities of the church, act firstly in accordance to principles and precepts of the Bible, then in accordance with the Constitution.

All leadership appointments within the uniformed and non-uniformed organisations and activities of the congregation are to be notified to the diaconate. All appointments are subject to the individual receiving clearance through the governing statutory Child Protection authorities and in accordance with the church's child protection policy.

The Minister/Pastor is appointed to lead the church in spiritual worship, to teach from the whole Bible and to provide pastoral care. The spiritual gifts and abilities necessary for this role are as detailed in the Bible with additional requirements for appointment being detailed within the Constitution.

Trustees: Trustees are appointed by the congregation from within the membership of the church at Members Meetings/AGM's. No Trustee or Deacons of the church receives remuneration for

their role as trustees or deacons, these duties being fulfilled in a wholly voluntary capacity. Adrian Magowan (trustee and deacon) receives remuneration in his capacity as a church visitor.

Membership: Church members are those Christians' who, having regard to the requirements of the Constitution and further, having undertaken appropriate prayerful contemplation, accept the principles and precepts of membership as laid out in the Constitution. Those persons having been proposed, interviewed for and accepted unto church membership at a Members Meeting or AGM will be recorded as church members and accordingly are permitted to vote at the church business meetings and AGM. The definition of a Christian and a member of the church, as understood by the membership of the church are specified within the Constitution and relevant texts of Holy Scripture contained within the Word of God (The Bible) No other documentary material, reference or text has any bearing on the church's definition.

The membership of the church acknowledges the fellowship of all true believers in Christ and that the church community at Ballycraigy is made up of members and non-members (adherents). Adherents have no voting rights in the church business meetings or the AGM. The worship and activities of the congregation of the church is further attended by persons who are non-christian, meaning those persons outside of personal faith in Jesus Christ, such persons also have no voting rights in the church business meetings or the AGM.

Charitable Purposes: The charitable purpose of the church is the advancement of religion. This is carried out by the church thorough the faithful preaching, teaching and proclamation of the full panoply of the Gospel message of the Lord Jesus Christ. By providing pastoral care to members, their families and adherents. Through church activities that are intended to reach out to the church and the wider Newtownabbey community with the Gospel and an understanding of Christian doctrine and its application to living.

Objects: The objects of the church are:

1. To promote and advance the message of the Christian Gospel, proclaiming the way of salvation through personal faith in Jesus Christ, displaying Christian charity in accordance with the New Testament principles and with regard to our Statement of Faith.
2. To disseminate by appropriate means, the intrinsic message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all mankind. "Mankind" encompasses all persons regardless of their gender, nationality, ethnicity, sexuality or locality.
3. To provide a focal point for all members of the community who wish to engage in services of holy worship and praise under the auspices of the church.

Activities: At the heart of Ballycraigy Congregational Church are a people whose desire is to glorify God, to serve him, to manifest his unflinching love and to share it with all mankind. Throughout 2022 the church at Ballycraigy remained a vibrant and living community reaching out to the local people through a broad range of activities held in the church buildings, in the local community and further afield.

Achievements: Ballycraigy Congregational Church has in 2022 demonstrated very clearly that it has delivered on its charitable purpose of "the advancement of religion". It has challenged and encouraged the congregation through systematic biblical teaching to embrace God's Plan of Salvation and to follow the teachings of the Bible for a spirit filled life. The church has clearly shown that it can be a great benefit to the local community by reaching out spiritually to those in need and through its individual and collective witness in advancing the word of God.

The church buildings are a constant hub of activity. The church halls are in use virtually every night of the week and often during the day, providing significant public benefit to the local community. The church brings people of all ages, all genders, all faiths and none, together. It brings people together to praise and worship God and to pray specifically for those in spiritual, physical and social need. It offers friendship and understanding within the community and encourages respect, tolerance and an acceptance of the need to provide spiritually and physically for those less fortunate.

In 2022 the church sponsored and financially, physically and prayerfully supported a family from war torn Ukraine to relocate and settle in Newtownabbey, Co. Antrim, the family arriving in early December 2022. It is intended that support will continue throughout much of 2023. In December 2022 a dedicated offering in support of the family was held raising £2,671, this being in addition to £3,455 raised in May 2022 to support the work of Slavic Gospel Association in Ukraine.

Volunteering: The church could not and would not exist without the goodwill and volunteering of so many people who freely give their time, talents and gifts in ensuring that the church continues in all aspects of ministry to glorify and serve God. The trustees wish to formally acknowledge everyone involved for their contribution and commitment throughout 2022. It is not possible to place a monetary value on the contribution made by volunteers to church life.

Policies, Procedures and Protocols: The trustees have put in place a series of policies to ensure the application of good and proper governance. These policies, processes and protocols cover all aspects of church life including finance, IT, Data Protection, child and vulnerable adult protection aimed at preventing potential harm to anyone participating in church activities, these policies are under the control of the designated deacons.

Reporting: As a charity, registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, the church is required to be wholly transparent in all that it does and be fully accountable for the money it receives and spends. The church has a legal responsibility to submit this Annual Report and Financial Statements to the Charity Commission, seeing and acknowledging that this reporting is an important part of its witness.

Annually, the church prepares a Trustee's Report and Financial Report detailing the activities for the prior calendar year. These Reports are required to be presented within three months of the year end at an AGM of church members. This 217th Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 2022 outlines in detail the financial performance, the activities of the church and how its charitable Purpose and Objects were delivered during the year. The Report encompasses the Trustees' Report and Minister's / Pastor's letter, consolidated Financial Statements and, individual Reports and Income and Expenditure Statements from organisations within the church.

Financial Review: During 2022, God continued to meet all of the church's financial needs in and through His son Jesus Christ. The trustees and deacons are thankful to everyone associated with the church, both members and adherents, for their sacrificial giving, without whom the church could not continue to daily proclaim the Gospel to both young and old and to maintain its everyday running. All income of the church is given freely by the congregation at regular church services or other church gatherings. Personal gifts for the work of the church and missionaries are also received. No subscription, trading or fundraising activities are permitted in accordance with the Constitution.

In 2022 total income exceeded revenue costs by an excellent £80,928 (2021 - £97,963) The surplus was then used to reduce the church's Danske Bank Loan by £72,784.

In 2022 the total income from all sources was £256,875 (2021-£230,798) an increase of £26,077 (11%) above last year. Free Will, loose and Building Fund offerings at £190,933 was an excellent £10,857 (6%) above the £180,076 received in 2021. As a direct result, Gift Aid received from HMRC at £41,703 was £3,161 (8%) above the £38,542 received in 2021.

Total expenditure in the year was £175,946 an increase of £43,111 (32%) compared to £132,835 in 2021. The ministerial team payroll and associated visitation costs, increased by £14,956 (28%) from £54,067 to £69,023 due to the services throughout 2022 of Josh (Student Pastor) and Nathanael (Apprentice) and the appointment during the year of Janice and Valerie as church visitors.

Costs expended by our organisations increased by £4,886 (86%) from £5,666 to £10,552 reflecting that all organisations were fully up in running throughout 2022 compared to 2021 when Covid 19 restrictions were in place.

A total of £30,775 was provided to our own missionary families, various other missionary organisations, charities and in sponsoring a Ukraine family to settle in Northern Ireland, an increase of £9,359 (43%) compared to 2021.

Since 1992 the church has developed and built a new sanctuary (opened in March 1992) a manse (built in 2004) and a suite of halls, meeting rooms and supporting facilities (opened in September 2009) The total expenditure incurred on these buildings was £1.83m. The facilities were financed through sacrificial giving by the congregation, interest free loans repayable on demand and a variable rate term loan from Danske Bank. The interest free loans have now been fully repaid. During 2022 in addition to fully satisfying all loan repayments, an additional £30,000 was repaid to Danske Bank. At the 31st December 2022 a total of £254,223 (2021-£327,008) remains payable. The loan has a further 5 years to run before completion. The loan, capital and interest repayments in 2023 are projected at £60,000 of which £12,000 relates to interest and £48,000 to capital repayments.

At the end of 2022 the church finds itself in a good financial position with a surplus in its General Fund of £53,148 (2021- £61,262) Total cash and current account bank balances at 31st December 2022 amount to £102,203 (2021-£94,300) an increase of £7,903 on the start of the year.

Total net assets are stated at £988,814 (2021-£954,264) an increase of £34,550 on the start of the year. The net asset total includes the cost of the church, halls and manse at a value of £1,145,639, being their historic cost less straight-line annual depreciation at 2% per annum.

Financial Administration and Governance: All bank accounts are held in the name of the church or the relevant organisation and not in the name of any individual member or adherent. Current cheque signatories are two of the deacons. All cheques must be signed by two signatories. The same principle applies to online banking activity.

Segregation of duties is a key governance control of the church. All financial matters are under the responsibility of the Church Treasurer, Mr Adrian Magowan. Specific financial and accounting responsibilities have been assigned to individual members of the congregation.

It is appropriate to thank our finance team, which undertakes a significant amount of work, mostly unseen. Regular accounts work is looked after by Myrtle McLoughlin. Thank you also to all in our organisations who look after their finances and write reports included in this Annual Report.

In accordance with the requirements of the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland, the financial statements of the church have been examined and reported upon by an appropriately qualified individual. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Lowry Grant FCCA who has once again provided an Independent Report on our 2022 Accounts on a pro-bono basis.

Reserve Policy: It is policy to maintain a balance on the General Fund Account equating to three months payments of circa £30,000.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities: The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustee's Report and the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland with income of more than £250,000 and with assets less than £3.26m, requires charity's to prepare accrual based accounts, which must be independently examined by an individual who is a member of a body approved by the Charity Commission.

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

Signed on behalf of the Trustees


Mr. Adrian Magowan


Mr. Sam Beattie

Trustee and Treasurer

Secretary

~~1st March 2023~~

15th March 2023



Ballycraig Congregational Church
Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year Ended 31st December 2022

	Note	Free General Fund £	Mission £	Designated Ministry £	Building £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Incoming Resources							
Free Will & Loose	2	106,661	11,500	2,098	70,674	190,933	180,076
Special Appeals & Offerings	2		12,579			12,579	2,198
Gift Aid	2	24,516			17,187	41,703	38,542
Legacies & Donations in Lieu	2	115				115	-
Other Missionary Income	2		320			320	4,244
Miscellaneous & other Income	3	1,019		10,049		11,068	5,608
Bank interest	4	154		3		157	130
Total income		132,465	24,399	12,150	87,861	256,875	230,798
Resources Expended							
Charitable Activities:							
Ministry Team - Salaries	5	59,135				59,135	41,991
Ministerial & visitation costs	6	9,888				9,888	12,076
Mission & outreach	7	832	29,943			30,775	21,416
Teaching & fellowship	7.1	4,812		10,473		15,285	9,119
Cost of church activities	8	42,281				42,281	31,891
Administration & governance	9	3,725				3,725	3,305
Bank interest & fees	10	460		78	14,319	14,857	13,037
Total resources expended		121,133	29,943	10,551	14,319	175,946	132,835
Net incoming (outgoing)		11,332	(5,544)	1,599	73,542	80,929	97,963
Less: Depreciation	11				36,381	36,381	36,381
Net movement in funds		11,332	(5,544)	1,599	37,161	44,548	61,582
Balance at start of year		61,263	3,904	7,389	881,710	954,266	892,684
Transfer between funds		(19,447)	3,464		15,983	-	-
Balance at end of year	16	53,148	1,824	8,988	934,854	998,814	954,266

Ballycraig Congregational Church
Balance Sheet
As at 31st December 2022

	Free General Fund £	Mission £	Designated Ministry £	Building £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Fixed Assets						
Tangible Assets				1,145,639	1,145,639	1,182,020
Current Assets						
Debtors	6,118			4,289	10,407	9,367
Bank & cash on hand	49,510	1,824	8,988	41,882	102,203	94,300
Total Current Assets	55,628	1,824	8,988	46,171	112,610	103,667
Current Liabilities						
Creditors & accruals				2,733	2,733	2,628
Other creditors	2,480				2,480	1,787
Loans payable within one year				48,000	48,000	44,117
Total Current Liabilities	2,480	1,824	8,988	50,733	53,213	48,532
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	53,148	1,824	8,988	(4,5632)	59,397	55,135
Less: Bank loans payable after one year				206,223	206,223	282,891
Total Net Assets	53,148	1,824	8,988	934,854	998,814	954,264
Reserves						
Free reserves	53,148				53,148	61,263
Designated reserves		1,824	8,988	934,854	945,666	893,003
Total Reserves	51,148	1,824	8,988	934,854	998,814	954,266

APPROVED by the Church Meeting held on 15th March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Sam Beattie
Church Secretary
15th March 2023

Ballycraigy Congregational Church
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year ended 31st December 2022

1 Accounting Policies

1a Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) Accounting and Reporting by Charities. The accruals basis of accounting has been adopted and the principal accounting policies set out below are applied consistently.

1b Fund Accounting

Free (unrestricted) funds are available for use at the discretion of the church in furtherance of its charitable objects. Designated funds have been raised and expended for a specific purpose.

1c Tangible Fixed Assets

Freehold property: The Trustees hold the church and manse buildings upon trust for purposes connected with Ballycraigy Congregational Church. Repair and maintenance expenditure on the church and manse is written off in the year which it is incurred. The cost of constructing the church, manse and halls has been capitalised and is being depreciated at a rate of 2% (over 50 years) on a straight-line basis.

Equipment: Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates calculated to write off the assets over their estimated useful life.

- Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment: 25% straight line (over 4 years)
- Motor Vehicles: 20% straight line (over 5 years)

1d Incoming Resources

All voluntary giving is included in the financial statements for the period in which it is received. Receipts received through Gift Aid are accounted for on a receipt and receivable basis. All other income including legacies and gifts are generally accounted for when received.

1e Resources Expended

Resources expended are recognised in the period to which they are incurred and include VAT which cannot be recovered. They are allocated to the particular activity to which they relate. As most of the activity and management of the church is carried out by volunteers, this intangible cost is not included in the financial statements as this voluntary contribution to the life of the church is incalculable.

1f Taxation

As a Church, the church is an exempt charity within the meaning of the Taxes Acts. Accordingly, it is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income and capital gains received to the extent that such income or gains are applied to exclusive charitable purposes. No provision for taxation has been made in these financial statements.

Ballycraigy Congregational Church
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year ended 31st December 2022

	General Fund	Mission	Ministr y	Building	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
7.1. Teaching & Fellowship						
Pulpit supply	1,810				1,810	1,968
Children & Young People	1,079		885		1,964	1,917
Youth Activities			9,365		9,365	4,310
Adult Program			223		223	230
Gifts and prizes	1,923				1,923	694
	4,812	-	10,473	-	15,285	9,119
8 Costs of Church Activities						
Church Utilities	15,003				15,003	7,791
Insurance	4,111				4,111	3,010
Building maintenance	12,122				12,122	13,342
Cleaning salaries	2,606				2,606	3,112
Licenses & music	1,520				1,520	1,799
Catering & consumables	4,185				4,185	938
Minibus & other travel	1,373				1,373	808
Membership Fees	285				285	-
Printing, postage, stationery	1,019				1,019	882
Miscellaneous expenditure	56				56	209
	41,281	-	-	-	41,281	31,891
9 Admin & Governance						
Administration salary	3,120			3,120	3,120	3,120
Legal & Professional Fees	605			605	605	185
	3,725	-	-	3,725	3,725	3,305
10 Bank Fees and Charges						
Bank fees	460		78		538	466
Capital Loan Interest				14,319	14,319	12,571
	460	-	78	14,319	18,557	13,037
11 Depreciation for year	-	-	-	36,381	36,381	36,381
11b Fixed Assets						
	General Fund		Building Fund			
	Minibus	Halls	Church	Manse	FF&E	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Opening Cost / Value	17,566	1,062,084	500,000	256,941	13,660	1,850,251
Disposals in Year						
Additions in Year						
Closing Cost / Value	17,566	1,062,084	500,000	256,941	13,660	1,850,251
Opening Depn	17,566	254,782	300,000	82,223	13,660	668,231
Disposals in Year					-	-
Additions in Year		21,242	10,000	5,139	-	36,381
Closing Depn	17,566	276,024	310,000	87,362	13,660	704,612
Opening NBV	-	807,302	200,000	174,718	-	1,182,020
Closing NBV	-	786,060	190,000	169,579	-	1,145,639

	Free Funds	Designated Funds			Total 2022	Total 2021
	General	Mission	Ministry	Building		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
12 Debtors						
Sundry Debtors & Prepayments	6,118			4,289	10,407	9,367
	6,118	-	-	4,289	10,407	9,367
13 Bank Balances						
Bank Current Acc's	5,441	1,824	8,988	41,882	58,135	60,285
Bank Deposit Acc's	44,068				44,068	34,015
	49,510	1,824	8,988	41,882	102,203	94,300
14 Current Liabilities						
Creditors & Accruals	2,480				2,480	1,787
Interest on Loans				2,773	2,773	2,628
Total Liabilities	2,480	-	-	2,773	5,253	4,415
15 Loans						
Danske Bank Loan	-	-	-	254,223	254,223	327,008
Due within one year					48,000	44,117
Due after more than one year					206,223	282,891
Total Capital Repayable					254,223	327,008

16 Designated Funds

In addition to the General Fund the Church operates two " Designated Funds"

Missionary Fund - This fund receives income directly from the church as and when required to meet its commitments. It also receives funding directly by way of individual donations and gifts from various organisations associated with the church. The money in the Mission Fund is used to make payments to members of the church involved in the Christian ministry and students preparing for Mission. Support is also provided to Christian and secular organisations undertaking evangelism, emergency and relief works which the church wishes to support.

Ministry Funds - This fund provides funding for the Child, Youth and Adult organisations operated by the Church. The Fund receives transfers from the General Fund on a needs basis as well as income from a range of other sources including donations, gifts, fees and grants. Monies are held in separate bank accounts by the individual organisations, a designated member of each organisation is responsible for its administration, control and accountability.

16.1 Movements on the General and Designated Funds during the year were:

	Free General	Designated Funds		Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	Mission	Ministry	£	£
Balance b/f at 01.01.2022	61,263	3,904	7,389	72,556	67,793
Net increase (decrease) in funds	11,332	(5,544)	1,599	7,387	4,763
Transfer (from) to funds	(19,447)	3,464		(15,983)	-
Closing c/f at 31.12.2022	53,148	1,824	8,988	63,960	72,556

16.2 Designated Funds

The church accounts include a Building Fund Account, where the monies can only be used for the specific purpose for which they were entrusted to the church. These monies are not at the disposal of the church for any other purpose other than the development and maintenance of the church, including the church building, its halls and manse. The Fund receives transfers from the General Fund as well as directly from designated FWO, gifts and legacies etc.

16.3 Movements on the Building Fund during the year was as follows:

	Halls £	Church £	Manse £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Opening Capital Balance	506,992	200,000	174,718	881,710	824,889
Net increase in funds during year	73,542			73,542	93,202
Current year depreciation	(21,242)	(10,000)	(5,139)	(36,381)	(36,381)
Transfer (from) to funds	15,983			15,983	-
Closing Capital Balance	575,275	190,000	169,579	934,854	881,710

Ballycraigy Congregational Church
Independent Examiner's Report to the Members
of Ballycraigy Congregational Church
Year Ended 31 December 2022

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 10 to 16.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65 (1) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to audit under charity law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- (ii) follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act;
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

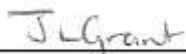
I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presents with those records. It also included a 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 (Northern Ireland) 2008;
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records;
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 68 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland;
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

I can confirm that i am a qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of the Association of Certified Chartered Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies. 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 to your attention.



Lowry Grant, FCCA

Date: 1st March 2023

**Ballycraigy Congregational Church
FWO and Building Fund Envelopes in 2022**

The following contributed through FWO and Building Fund Envelopes in 2022

Mr S Agnew	Mr R Harris	Mrs J McKnight
Mrs D Agnew	Miss R Hunter	Mr & Mrs P McLain
Mr & Mrs R Anderson	Mr & Mrs S Irvine	Mr & Mrs S McLoughlin
Mr & Mrs R Ashcroft	Mrs L Jackson	Miss M McMullan
Mr & Mrs C Barr	Mrs S Kelso-Robb	Mr R Moore
Mr & Mrs S Beattie	Miss M Kennedy	Mr & Mrs D Morton
Mrs M Bingham	Mr & Mrs G Kirk	Mr & Mrs G Morton
Mr J Bradley	Mrs Y Lennox	Mrs M Noonan
Mr & Mrs J Brown	Mr & Mrs V MacDougall	Mr & Mrs O O'Connor
Mr & Mrs F Bryson	Mr & Mrs A Magowan	Mr & Mrs C Pearse
Mrs K Carlisle	Mr & Mrs S Magowan	Mr & Mrs G Quigley
Mr T Cinnamond	Mrs C Martin	Mr & Mrs A Quinn
Miss S Coates	Mr R Martin	Mr & Mrs S Reid
Mr & Mrs Wm Coates	Mr V Martin	Mr D Ritchie
Mr & Mrs D Connor	Mrs E Martin	Mr & Mrs A Ritchie
Mr Derek Connor	Mrs F McBride	Mr & Mrs G Ritchie
Mr J Cowan	Mrs A McCammond	Mrs J Ross
Mr J Cowan (Snr)	Miss K McCausland	Mr & Mrs D Seymour
Mr & Mrs E Croft	Mr & Mrs N McCausland	Mr & Mrs A Shannon
Mr & Mrs J Cushley	Miss E McClean	Mr & Mrs F Smyth
Mrs P Fenton	Mrs M McCombe	Mrs F Spence
Mrs M Fletcher	Mr & Mrs E McConnaughie	Mr & Mrs J Thompson
Mr & Mrs G Goodman	Mrs D McCormick	Mr S Thompson
Mr & Mrs A Goodman	Mrs R McCullough	Mrs M Todd
Mr & Mrs D Graham	Miss A McCullough	Mrs R Watts
Mr & Mrs G Hagan	Mrs S McFarlane	Mrs P Wilson
Mr & Mrs P Hamilton	Mr & Mrs C McFarland	Mr & Mrs D Wilson
Mr S Harper	Mrs C McKendry	Mr & Mrs Wm Wylie
Mrs M Harper	Mr J McKnight	

ENV NO	FWO	B/FUND	TOTAL
1	1,580.00	510.00	2,090.00
2	98.00	110.00	208.00
3	1,000.00	200.00	1,200.00
4	1,560.00		1,560.00
5	265.00	1,005.00	1,270.00
7	2,580.00	1,200.00	3,780.00
8	2,030.00		2,030.00
9	340.00	20.00	360.00
10	1,100.00	100.00	1,200.00
11	920.00	80.00	1,000.00
12	50.00		50.00
13	430.00	40.00	470.00
14/15	2,200.00	1,200.00	3,400.00
16	1,000.00	1,130.00	2,130.00
17	255.00	285.00	540.00
18	600.00	600.00	1,200.00
19	1,415.00	1,475.00	2,890.00
20	4,100.00	1,750.00	5,850.00
21	1,040.00	180.00	1,220.00
22	300.00		300.00
23	70.00	645.00	715.00
24	730.00	570.00	1,300.00
25	46.00	6.00	52.00
26	236.00	355.00	591.00
27	1,100.00		1,100.00
29		350.00	350.00
31	210.00	110.00	320.00
32	5,400.00		5,400.00
36	100.00	100.00	200.00
38	2,070.00	220.00	2,290.00
39	480.00	980.00	1,460.00
40	200.00		200.00
41	980.00	320.00	1,300.00
42	150.00	185.00	335.00
47	1,530.00	1,570.00	3,100.00
48	480.00	480.00	960.00
50	160.00		160.00
51	5,300.00	3,100.00	8,400.00
53	1,200.00	1,300.00	2,500.00
54	2,110.00	190.00	2,300.00
57	1,240.00	40.00	1,280.00
58	50.00	13.00	63.00
59	2,400.00	200.00	2,600.00
60	100.00		100.00
61	5,000.00	1,500.00	6,500.00
62	77.00	20.00	97.00
63	2,400.00	1,150.00	3,550.00

ENV NO	FWO	B/FUND	TOTAL
64	960.00		960.00
65	200.00	260.00	460.00
66	720.00	507.00	1,227.00
71	1,820.00	5,050.00	6,870.00
72	1,100.00	540.00	1,640.00
76	840.00		840.00
79	255.00	10.00	265.00
80		3,991.00	3,991.00
83	1,500.00	1,500.00	3,000.00
86	3,300.00	250.00	3,550.00
90	940.00	610.00	1,550.00
96	1,200.00	1,600.00	2,800.00
100	1,050.00	2,000.00	3,050.00
103	540.00	440.00	980.00
104	20.00	980.00	1,000.00
106	150.00	10.00	160.00
108	580.00	860.00	1,440.00
110	1,200.00		1,200.00
112		1,800.00	1,800.00
115	4,765.00	1,938.00	6,703.00
116	545.00	1,315.00	1,860.00
118	240.00	290.00	530.00
119	1,425.00	2,900.00	4,325.00
122	340.00	170.00	510.00
124	555.00	350.00	905.00
126	7,800.00	800.00	8,600.00
129	1,040.00	1,194.00	2,234.00
133		1,750.00	1,750.00
134	975.00	1,135.00	2,110.00
135	65.00	65.00	130.00
141	1,219.65		1,219.65
142	80.00		80.00
143	1,540.00	1,570.00	3,110.00
145	1,880.00	4,400.00	6,280.00
146	1,440.00	580.00	2,020.00
148	510.00	150.00	660.00
150	240.00		240.00
161	500.00		500.00
162	29.00	44.50	73.50
165	35.00	50.00	85.00
166	70.00	70.00	140.00
171	290.00	45.00	335.00
173		3,480.00	3,480.00
179	980.00	1,320.00	2,300.00
180	220.00	240.00	460.00
184	970.00	2,620.00	3,590.00
199		500.00	500.00

**Organisations (Ministry) Annual Reports and
Accounts for the Year ended
31st December 2022**

Ballycraigy Missionary Family 2022

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The church Missionary Committee has the responsibility to increase the missionary focus and global missionary vision of the church as well as overseeing the funding provided for missionary activity and acting as a link between the church and its missionary families.

During 2022 Andrew and Grace Morton continued to work in a church planting and building capacity with the Faith Mission in Grantham. Following much prayer, they left the Faith Mission in January 2023, continuing however the work in the Earlsfield Estate they commenced back in 2013. We give Praise to God for the ongoing work of evangelism and the building up of the church in the estate.

Brian and Hazel Parker continue to work with the Faith Mission in Ireland as Area Workers for County Monaghan and Cavan.

Henry and Beth Montgomery continue to work with AsiaLink, encouraging and challenging the churches in Ireland to have a prayerful and giving heart for the people of Asia. We wish them much blessing in the work and safety in their many travels as they traverse the roads of Ireland and journey further afield into some of the remotest and inhospitable parts of Asia.

We wish all of our Missionary Family much blessing, encouragement and fruitful service as they faithfully labour in the field in which God has placed them.

With COVID 19 restrictions easing we were able to hold in November 2022 our annual Missionary Convention with Derek Maxwell of Slavic Gospel Association (SGA) focusing on their work in Ukraine and Central Asia.

We give thanks to God for his faithfulness and the continued giving of his people in support of our Missionary family. Thanks to everyone who provided very valuable prayer, practical and financial support throughout 2021.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Opening Balance	3,904.51	Andrew & Grace Morton	4,290.00
Income from Church	11,000.00	Brian & Hazel Parker	4,290.00
Missionary Boxes and other income	319.50	Henry & Beth Montgomery	4,370.00
Designated Gifts	500.00	Gifts	450.00
		Earlsfield Community Church	500.00
		Closing Balance	1,824.01
Total	15,724.01	Total	15,724.01
Opening Balance 01/01/2023	1,824.01		

Peter Hamilton, (Chair) Lorraine Ashcroft (Secretary) Nancy McCammond, Ramsay Moore, Gareth Kirk (Treasurer)

The Girl's Brigade

This year we have seen many changes in Ballycraigy Girl's Brigade and we praise God for his faithfulness and goodness to us in 2022.

Heather Smyth retired after the display and we give thanks for the very long and dedicated service she gave to our Company as Captain. It is my privilege to have taken up the role of Captain and along with the existing officers, Gillian, corona, and Denise, we thank God for providing new leaders Hannah, Suzie and Victoria who are all working towards their officer qualifications.

God has answered prayers and blessed us in sending approximately 37 to 40 girls every Tuesday night, to participate in Company activities. Badgework this year has included choral speaking, marching, games, cooking, crafts, the World Around Us and Helping Others.

The GB scripture course this year has focused on the characteristics of God, WHICH WE HAVE THE privilege to share, e.g. His love, mercy, faithfulness and goodness, along with the 10-minute devotional at the start of each evening, we thank God for this opportunity to share God and the gospel with all the girls and pray that as our moto says, they will grow to "Seek, Serve and Follow Christ".

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Opening Balance	2,841.81		
E.A. Grant	1,200.00	Grant Repayments	406.13
Company Fees	296.00	Leaders Training	100.00
Uniform	16.00	Church Heat & Light	150.00
Enrolment Collection	157.70	Fees to GB Headquarters	405.72
Pantomime	74.00	Gifts	65.18
Display Collection	218.00	Pantomime	440.00
GB Week 2022	578.05	Stationery	39.46
Gift	20.00	Uniform and Badges	152.20
Bank Interest	2.55	GB Scripture Books	64.00
		Display expenses	308.03
		Badgework, crafts & baking	311.26
		Snacks / Food	170.87
		Bank Fees	33.74
		Cash in Hand	13.57
		Balance in Current A/C	1,033.20
		Balance in Deposit A/C	1,710.75
Total	5,404.11	Total	5,404.11
Opening Balance 01/01/2023	2,757.52		

Thank you all for your support and prayers.

Deborah Robinson
(Captain)

1st Ballycraigy BB Report

At our Display in April, which was our Eightieth Display, it was a sad occasion as we had to say goodbye to Ashley Doherty, Peter Gillespie, Adam Hamilton, Luke McIlwrath and Jack Shannon as they took their Final Salute. All the boys had been in the Boys Brigade from Anchor Boys, we wish the boys every success and trust they will hold on to what they have learnt in their time with us in 1st Ballycraigy.

Starting back in September we held our Camp in the Church Halls for the Company Section boys, whilst some of the external activities which we had planned were cancelled due to the death of Queen Elizabeth 2, we made the best of what we could with a trip to Carrick Castle, a visit to the Knockagh Monument and even enjoyed our dinner in the manse on the Saturday night, followed by hunts in Mr Wilson field on the Friday night / Saturday morning.

We want to praise God for the boys in the sections that started and have stuck with us this session, we have 11 Anchor Boys, 11 Junior Section and 21 Company Section boys. Again, thanks to Josh Patterson for his help and in sharing the devotions with me across the 3 sections, please remember this in prayer, for we are here to advance Christ's Kingdom amongst these boys and our vision is "That boys and young men experience 'life to the full' John 10:10".

We needed to purchase a new crash mat for the Box-work, but Jehovah Jireh, the Lord provided not only a mat but a new box, a new trampette and additional matts which was given to us by a Company that was no longer operating in North Belfast.

The boys enjoyed a visit from Jurassic Ark and got up close and personal with snakes, lizards, turtles and spiders. Anchor Boys came 3rd in the Belfast Battalion Potted Sports and our Junior Section enjoyed a day orienteering in Stormont. The Company Boys took part in an activity day in Ganaway Millisle followed by a stop at McDonalds.

Once again, we hosted the Newtownabbey Group "Building Your Skills"; this is a one-day course that all Boys wishing to gain their Presidents Award must attend. We had 36 boys from the Belfast and Down Battalions attending including 3 from our own Company.

We would ask for your continued prayers for our Company. Pray for the all the Boys that they will know God's Blessing in their life's. Please remember all the officers and helpers in your prayers as we seek God's Blessing in our Company and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom amongst our boys in this our eighty first year as a BB Company here in Ballycraigy Congregational.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Opening Balance	1,841.05	Bank Fees	44.46
EA Grant	£1,600.00	Dues	1,175.00
Dues	£1,075.00	Church Heat & Electric	250.00
Enrolment	£160.00	Boys Training	191.00
Display	£112.00	Display	480.50
Camp	£280.00	EA Grant Underspend	60.67
BB Week	£574.80	Nerf Night	70.00
Gift	£50.00	Jurassic Ark Encounters	300.00
		Gift	50.00
		Camp	155.35
		Competitions	75.35
		Crafts and Food	191.12
		Stationary	40.21
		Cash in Hand	11.03
		Bank Account	2,598.16
Total	5,692.85	Total	5,692.85
Opening Balance 01/01/2023	2,609.19		

Glenn Goodman (Captain)

Boys Bible Study

We still meet on the first Friday of each month in the Church Halls. As well as studying the Bible the evenings are filled with Football, Food and Fellowship. We are delighted that a group of younger lads have joined us so that on average we have around 15-20 most times we meet.

We have been working our way through the Book of Romans and February will find us in chapter 13. We have also been learning by heart the books of the Bible – although this remains very much a work in progress!

We hosted a Mini Bible Conference just after Easter and are planning another one this year on Saturday morning 15th April. This is our way of being a blessing to the church and this year Ronnie McCracken is coming along to talk about the Passover – including a demonstration of how it is celebrated today in Jewish homes. This event is open to everyone and we hope you can get along.

Boys Bible Study is for those in Year 8 and above and a warm welcome awaits other Lads who would like to come along and join us.

Richard Harris

Girls Bible Study

We have been really encouraged by the core group of typically about 12 teenage girls who come each month to the upstairs room where we have GBS. Sometimes we have a few more and sometimes one or two less depending. This year we are continuing to work through topics included in a Bible study guide book, "Girls Like Us." Currently we are looking at the armour of God and being warriors for Christ. We work in groups and chat over God's word and guidance for our lives today.

We have been really blessed this year with ladies from the church coming to the group to share their talents and stories with the girls. We are now a little more skilled in crotchet, hockey and baking with more planned in the months ahead. Thank you so much to each for so willingly giving of their time and experience to encourage and support our girls.

Thank you to all the parents and friends who bring their girls along and to each of the girls for their enthusiasm and input. It is great to see friendships forming and the fellowship and support the girls can give to one another. We pray God continues to build their friendships and guide and bless these girls to grow in Him and His service.

Cynthia Reid & Janice Quinn

Youth Fellowship Report

In Youth Fellowship this year, we've been studying the Fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5. We've been encouraged by the truth that the Holy Spirit grows these qualities in the lives of those who love God and walk with Him in faith. This has opened up some fantastic conversations with our young people as we consider how to live lives which "keep in step with the Spirit" (Galatians 5:25).

We have continued to grow in number over the last year and it's amazing to see our young people inviting their friends to be a part of what happens in YF. It's exciting for us as leaders to see these connections on Sunday nights deepening into meaningful and precious friendships.

Youth Fellowship nights vary from teaching nights to small groups, panel discussions and testimony nights. The highlight of the year for many was our first Youth Fellowship weekend in a long time. We thank God for challenging teaching on the 'I Am' statements from our speaker, Jody Esguerra. His passion and personal interest in the young people was matched only by his lip-sync skills in BCYF's Got Talent on the Saturday night!

The YF team appreciates the support in prayer from the Church. Please continue to pray for our young people: that they would encounter God in a powerful way, draw close to His word and pursue a life of obedience.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Opening Balance	12.22		
Gifts received	1,297.06	All Nighter – Dominoes	97.90
Let's Go Hydro	483.00	Let's Go Hydro	483.00
Y.F. Weekend	2,585.00	Y.F. Weekend	2,646.27
All Nighter	221.86	All Nighter – materials	221.86
		YF Party	42.68
		Gift	50.00
		Closing Balance	1,057.43
Total	4,599.14	Total	4,599.14
Opening Balance 01/01/2023	1,057.43		

Aileen Humphreys, Robert Reid, Ryan Ritchie, Laura Beattie, Gemma Montgomery, Josh Patterson

Kid's Church

We give thanks to God for another year of Kids Church where we are able to spend time alongside a fantastic bunch of kids sharing the Gospel with them. We also are thankful to the church for the ongoing prayerful and practical support towards Kids Church. As leaders we are so encouraged for the great attendance each week, as well as so many new faces coming to join us.

In the 2022 session we continued teaching through the mustard seeds curriculum learning about Ezekiel, Daniel, seven signs Jesus is Christ from the book of John, and the Lost parables which took us up until the end of June.

In June we had Children's Day where the children did a great job putting on a play to relay the seven signs they had learnt that prove Jesus is Christ from the Book of John, with Jeff Gawn coming to close the morning off for us. Thanks to Andrew Goodman for helping put together the videos for this. Also, in June, we had a day trip to Belfast Zoo where the children and leaders enjoyed time together visiting the animals and having a picnic lunch.

We are thankful to all the volunteers who gave their time to help keep Kids Church running over the summer. It is so appreciated by both the leaders and children that you put so much effort into helping.

September saw us resume our syllabus learning about Ezra & Nehemiah, Jesus' Mission from the book of Matthew, and the Christmas Story. We're thankful again to Julie Kirkland for all her efforts in organising the children's nativity for the Christmas service. Thanks to Richard Harris for organising a fantastic Christmas family fun and worship night, and to Adrian, Valerie, Kim and Glen for providing a delicious supper. It was a great night of fun and fellowship enjoyed by all ages!

As we move into 2023 we would appreciate continued prayer for our children as well as the leaders as they continue to prepare and teach the word of God, getting alongside the children week after week.

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22v6

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Opening Balance	11.68		
Donations	170.00	Christmas Gifts	151.00
		Closing Balance	30.68
Total	181.68	Total	181.68
Opening Balance 01/01/2023	30.68		

Jayne Morton

The Friday Bible Club

2022 has been an encouraging year at FBC we finished the year with 47 children on the roll and it is encouraging to see an average of 35 in attendance each week. We count it a great opportunity to continue to share the good news of the gospel with these children. We also enjoy times of fun together including lots of treats on our DVD nights and the games and art sessions before the start of the formal sessions.

This year we were delighted to welcome Alex Millar to our team and also Sarah Johnston, Caleb Quinn and Ben Hamilton as junior helpers. At the beginning of the year we looked at the story of the patriarchs, how God called Abraham, the story of Isaac and then at the lives of Jacob and Esau. We were very grateful for Gemma's Montgomery help again this year on our craft night as we made owls and other artwork.

As the new session started in September we started with a series on Any Carmichael from her early days in County Down to her life as a missionary in India rescuing the children and young women in that country. Following that we went on to look at the One-Way series, the need to follow God's way and the impact that this had on the lives of Naaman, Cain and Abel and Rahab and the spies. God's way while not easy is always the right way and we learnt the importance of obedience to God.

The year finished with our Christmas party and craft night with Mary and Merele helping the kids make Christmas trees.

We are thankful for enthusiastic, willing and able helpers, please pray as we meet each week that we will continue to know God's hand on the club and that He would impact these young lives for the future.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Opening Balance	-	Helping Hands - Mozambique	100.00
Collections & Gifts	222.62	Earlsfield Community Church	100.00
		Closing Balance	22.62
Total	222.62		222.62
Opening Balance 01/01/2023	22.26		

Merele Christie, Doreen Wylie, Nathanael Barr, Mary McCausland, Daniel Hamilton, Adam Hamilton, Alex Millar, Isaac Kirkland, Caleb Quinn, Sarah Johnston, Ben Hamilton & Peter Hamilton.

Tots Time

We have had a good start to our Tots Time again this past year with up to 32 children plus parents, grandparents and carers coming each week. It is a relaxed time with lots of toys for the children to play with, and plenty of tea/coffee for the adults to enjoy with the chance to chat with other adults. The team seek to show the love of Christ week by week to each one coming through the doors, and we pray Tots Time would be a stepping stone into other organisations within the church, to our Sunday services and the advancement of Christ's kingdom.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Opening Balance	769.85	Catering Expenses	206.80
Donations	908.82	Missionaries	700.00
		Easter & Christmas presents	363.96
		Closing Balance	407.91
Total	1,678.67	Total	1678.67
Opening Balance 01/01/2023	407.91		

Sadie MacDougall, Mary McCausland, Leeann Morrison, Nathanael Barr, Jenna Goodman, Marie Todd and Janice Quinn

Women@Ballycraigy

It is wonderful to hear women of all ages reconnecting on the 2nd Monday of each month.

The New Year started with a challenge from Nathaniel Barr 'New Year New You'.

It has been good to sing without face coverings so we had a night of Praise and Worship.

There were some ongoing connections throughout the summer and some of the ladies met for coffee and a chat at Applegreen and a coffee morning the next month at the church.

Jayne Strange was welcomed onto the committee in September and we are enjoying working alongside her.

From September, we have been looking at the different organisations in the church and heard some personal journeys from our own Ladies.

We studied Elijah's journey and were reminded that God uses ordinary people who are willing to work and a reminder to pray in whatever situation we are placed.

The year ended with a meal provided by the Committee and we were challenged as to what we are feasting on spiritually.

For all who have attended and supported Women @ Ballycraigy we say Thank You. Perhaps you have never attended any of our services - we would be delighted to see you and you will be made most welcome.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Opening Balance	368.17		
Offerings	277.14	Speaker	130.00
Christmas Dinner donations	223.00	Christmas Dinner	93.31
		Closing Balance	645.00
Total	868.31	Total	868.31
Opening Balance 01/01/2023	645.00		

Take care and stay safe, - Women@Ballycraigy Committee

Lunch Time Hour

I would like to thank everyone who has come along to the Lunch Hour and coffee morning this year. If you haven't been we meet for Lunch on the first Tuesday of the month at 12 noon and the third Thursday from 10 for coffee and a scone. There is no age limit upper or lower, so if you are free please come along and enjoy some fellowship around the tables and feel free to bring a friend. I would like to thank the dedicated team who give of their time to help each month and to all those who come to share from God's word. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to ask.

Again, thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you. God Bless from the team at Lunch Hour.

Adrian Magowan

Youth Club

September 2022 saw a welcome return to Youth Club after over 2 years since we last met due to a prolonged period of closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Each night, we see an average of 20-30 kids in attendance, all enjoying themselves and participating in a variety of games and competitions.

There have been some big changes for Youth Club as we now meet most Friday nights whereas before it was on a Saturday night. As a team, we'd like to thank Peter and the rest of FBC for their co-operation to make this work. There is nearly a completely new leadership team in place too for Youth Club, and we're thankful to God for the new leaders and their willingness to get stuck in. Please pray that the team would continue to gel together and get alongside the young people.

We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to Stephen McLoughlin and Adrian Magowan, who stepped down after around 28 years of combined service to the Ballycraigy Youth Club. Their faithfulness, dedication and commitment to the work of the Youth Club over the years have been invaluable and immeasurable.

Please pray for each young person and for the epilogue that is faithfully given each week by a member of the team.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Opening Balance	1,169.89		
Donation and Tuck shop	100.00	Tuck shop	75.37
		Christmas Party	46.34
		Nerf Night	50.00
		Closing Balance	1,098.18
Total	1,269.89	Total	1,269.89
Opening Balance 01/01/2023	1,098.18		

Andrew Goodman

Junior Youth Club

September saw the recommencement of Junior Youth Club after a break due to the Covid 19 pandemic. It was a joy to see the children able to come and play with their friends in a Christian environment. The children love the freedom of Junior Youth Club, and the tuck shop is very popular, even with the leaders. The main reason we love to see the children is the opportunity to share the gospel with them. The theme of Messy Church in September was the life of Moses. In Junior Youth Club we have decided to continue with this. We just pray that the children learn from these lessons.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Opening Balance	374.34		
Tuck shop income	98.80	Tuck shop	118.73
Youth Club dues	48.50	Cookery ingredients	15.29
Bank interest	0.39	Gifts	19.97
		Craft materials	8.82
		Closing Balance	359.22
Total	522.03	Total	522.03
Opening Balance 01/01/2023	359.22		

Alison Ritchie