

Trustee Annual Report for Taughmonagh Presbyterian Church

10/10/2019

CHARITY: Taughmonagh Presbyterian Church

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC 104514

CHARITY CONTACT ADDRESS: 22 Upper Malone Road, Belfast BT9 5NA

TRUSTEES: Robert Love, Mervyn Morrow, Elizabeth Simpson, Rosemary Simpson, Nigel Sands, Anne Kernohan

OFFICE BEARERS: Minister – Rev Robert Love, Treasurer – Mrs Mary Armstrong.

BANK: Danske Bank

Structure and management: The Kirk Session members (appointed by the Presbytery of South Belfast) are the Trustees of the congregation and under the congregation's governing document (The Code of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland) Kirk Session seeks to watch and promote the spiritual interest of the congregation and of persons not connected with any congregation within its bounds. It ensures that pastoral care is offered to all members and to those who are not.

Kirk Session consists of one ordained minister and five elders of PCI appointed by the Presbytery of South Belfast.

Meeting are held at least 4 times a year.

ACTIVITIES OF THE CHARITY: To fulfil the congregation's purpose of promoting Christian faith and offering help and support to all, Taughmonagh Church is involved in the following activities:

- Regular services of Christian worship (10.30 am every Sunday and on other special occasions)
- Regular Bible study and times of prayer
- A bi monthly worship and social event for adults with learning disabilities
- A weekly event for young people in post primary education
- Pastoral support for the members

- Pastoral support is also offered to any non-members who ask for it, or who come to the attention of the Church
- The conduct of funeral and wedding services, and the blessing of children for all who request it.
- Raising financial support for a Church-run hospital in Malawi
- Raising financial support for other charities with similar aims to our own (eg Christian Aid)
- Participation in the wider work of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

The Church's building is also made available for the use of other community groups such as the local Primary School and Sure Start.

The congregation is represented at the governing bodies of PCI (Presbytery and General Assembly) by the minister.

VOLUNTEERS: The Trustees express their very great appreciation to two Youth and Family workers on secondment from the local Presbyterian congregations of Malone and McCracken Memorial who, along with volunteers from Derryvolgie Halls of Residence at QUB, operate a drop-in facility for post primary young people on a weekly basis. The congregations who employ the two Youth Workers make no charge for this and we appreciate their generosity and support in this.

The Trustees also express their gratitude to the members of the congregation who are regular in their attendance at worship and other Church activities, are generous in their financial support, and who see to the upkeep of the property.

PUBLIC BENEFIT: The Trustees believe that the congregation meets public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the Christian gospel and by giving evidence of Christian faith by the support it offers to all. The only private benefit flowing from our work is related to the minister who is the only paid employee.

FINANCE: The congregation raises its finance by way of personal contributions by the members and by contributions to cover running costs by other users of the property. We also receive voluntary donations from other Churches and individuals.

Total income in 2018 was £15167, expenditure £14817.

Opening balance was £3208, closing balance £3558.

The statement of accounts and independent examiner's letter are attached.

As income falls below £250,000, The Trustees choose to submit accounts in the receipts and payment format.

This report was approved and adopted at a meeting of the Trustees of Taughmonagh Presbyterian Church at their meeting on Thursday 10th October 2019.

Proposed by Rev Robert Love, seconded by Anne Kernohan