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RICHHILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

RICHHILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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RICHHILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Constitution, the Charities Act 2008 and "Accounting and Reporting by 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 (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

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

Richhill 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 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.

Richhill Presbyterian Church exists to lead people to saving faith in Jesus, to bring them to maturity within the fellowship, and to encourage them to worship God in Spirit and Truth, and with lives of service. This involves our 5 core purposes....

- 1) Evangelism - Jesus' Great Commission of Matthew 28 compels us to go into the world and make disciples.
- 2) Discipleship- The Christian life is not a plane ticket to Heaven, it is a passport to serve in Jesus' new kingdom. We are to grow in Christlikeness and experience sanctification.
- 3) Fellowship – The Christian is not to be a hermit but rather part of a worshipping community. God has graciously set up His Church as a body of His people who serve Him.
- 4) Worship - Our worship is to be a sacrifice of praise to the one who is worthy – God, our Creator and Redeemer.
- 5) Service – God in grace gives us good works of service to bring glory to His name and serve others.

Our Values:

- 1) Christ centered - At RPC we believe Jesus is the Way the Truth and the Life. He is the only hope for the nations and it is His gospel we proclaim.
- 2) Genuine Worship – Our praise seeks to incorporate contemporary worship songs alongside the traditional hymnody.
- 3) Reformed teaching - We have a Reformed perspective on theology which means we believe the Bible teaches certain things about God and man, the world and church. These distinctive views can be seen in our preaching, praying and community life.
- 4) Presbyterian ethos - Our leadership subscribes to the Westminster Confession of Faith and we practice a Presbyterian form of governance.

Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Activities

The congregation met for worship every Sunday, morning and evening, Visitors are made very welcome. Kirk Session agreed to have additional dates to serve the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. From March 2023 this was monthly, excluding July and August.

Organisations:

- Sunday School/ Grid (Bible Class)
- Adult Bible Class... an opportunity for adults to be taught the foundations of our reformed faith. (at Sunday school time)
- Sunday crèche ... a safe, secure interactive environment for babies/pre nursery so that parents can benefit from the worship and teaching on a Sunday morning.
- RPC Kids...children's church where kids enjoy their own praise time and hear Bible truths. (nursery to P3)
- Place... a Sunday night Bible based youth outreach encouraging fun and fellowship as they are discipled and find belonging in our church family. (y12- age 22)
- Ignite... a safe environment to interact with friends, play games, go on away trips and have the opportunity for regular Bible input.(yr 8 – 11)
- Toddle Inn... a place where babies/ pre nursery children with their parent/ carer meet and enjoy social/play interaction.
- Ambassadors' football partnership... coaching sessions for primary/secondary age children.
- Zone P1-7 ...fun,games and Bible presentation
- Women's Bible Study a weekly time to study God's Word.
- Men's / Women's Ministry.... Encouraging the congregation to connect and grow in their faith.
- Midweek/growth groups/LOLMD groups... Bible study and fellowship.
- GLEE...a support group for young adults with learning disabilities.
- Bowling Club
- Tuesday Club...a weekly space for retired folk within our church family and local community.
- WASPS...a support group for widows and single people.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Achievements and performance

1) Worship and prayer

- > The church family meets for worship each Sunday at 11am and 6:30 pm with tea, coffee and fellowship after the morning service. This is an important aspect of how we engage together as a church family. The average morning attendance is approx. 450 and evening approx. 200.
- > We continue to stream online both morning and evening services to facilitate and encourage those who are unable to attend in person. Average morning views are 200- 250 and evening views are 100-150.
- > CDs are also distributed to those unable to access YouTube
- > In September '23, Growing Young Disciples held an all day conference aimed at equipping young and old in our congregation ie parents, grandparents, children, key leaders and volunteers to deal with the current issues of identity, gender, technology, sexualisation, media and relationships.
- > In October we were delighted to hold our newcomers' lunch held every other year. This is an opportunity for those who have recently joined RPC to get to know staff and elders.
- > In June '23 we welcomed 22 people into full church membership.
- > We acknowledged God's gift of new life at 5 Sacraments of infant Baptism, 8 adults were also baptised. We conducted 3 marriage services, and gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.
- > At 31 December 2023 there were 415 communicant members and 132 families connected with the congregation.
- > A consultation team, appointed by Armagh Presbytery, visited RPC in Spring '23. Overall the consultation team was extremely encouraged to hear how the Lord is at work amongst us. RPC is a vibrant and growing church and we have much to thank the Lord for.

2)Property:

- > The following recommendations were made in the consultation team's architectural report :
 - Replacement of 6 double glazed window units .
 - New front and rear doors as well as an inside garage door. All of this work has been carried out at the manse.
- > Other minor maintenance issues at the church are to be addressed.
- > The proposed construction of a new annexe was put on hold by Committee in December 2023 with alternative options to be explored.

3)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 part time pastoral minister. Rev Wilson Gordon, a member of the congregation, who is our voluntary Pastoral Care minister and also by our assistant minister Jeff Gawn.
- >Elders and pastoral Care team members also offer practical support when required. All are supplied with a weekly CD of Sunday Worship.
- > Kirk Session appointed a small working group to deal with staff issues and well being.
- > A Code of Conduct for leaders and volunteers was circulated in December 2023.

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4) Mission and outreach

Mission and outreach events continue to be central to the purpose of the church.

At a local level the congregation and its organisations exist to provide care and Christian love to the local community. Many unchurched families attend the weekly organisations.

> Annual outreach events are held such as Holiday Bible Club which ran for 4 consecutive mornings in August reaching almost 200 children from nursery to P 7.

> Ambassadors hosted a free week of football camp in July with over 200 primary school children in attendance at the local football pitch.

They hold family friendly services to which many unchurched come.

> An Addictions Support Group meets monthly in our church facility to offer help and support to those struggling with a variety of addictions.

> A Christianity Explored course is held annually in the village café.

> The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. We surpassed our target of £21,126. 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, assists congregations with the deployment of locally based staff, enables church planting, provides grant support for the upkeep of church premises, assist with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregation in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

> Our Mission fund envelope collection enables us to give generously to the work of God's Kingdom at home and worldwide. £98,180 was dispensed to our mission and charity partners.

RPC continues to support prayerfully and financially our specific missionary partners in Krakow and Spain. Small teams have gone out to work alongside our Spanish and Polish partners.

Presbytery

The monthly Presbytery meetings are attended by the minister and one representative elder. This provides an important link between the congregations and the wider structures of the church.

General Assembly

The General Assembly meeting took place in June 2023 with a session held on the Saturday to facilitate those unable to attend due to work commitments.

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.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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's 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 noticeboards, 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 results are set out in detail on pages 11 to 22. The charity returned net incoming resources for the year of £66,323 (2022 - £22,011) leaving unrestricted funds of £1,740,271 (2022 - £1,838,094) and restricted funds of £472,462 (2022 - £308,316).

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 282 contributors during the year donating a total of £277,612 (2022 - £252,283). An increase of 10.03% from the previous year.

The total net assets of the congregation at the end of the year was £2,212,733 restricted and unrestricted. Increase of 3.09% from the previous year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the level of unrestricted reserves that is appropriate to hold taking account of current and ongoing commitments. It is the policy of the Trustees to hold at least 12 months normal expenditure. At the year end the unrestricted reserves were £1,740,271 with cash balances of £786,782.

The trustees consider it prudent to hold cash reserves of at least £300,000 as the funding of its present activities is dependent on the ongoing financial support of members.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Structure, governance and management

The church is governed by the congregation's governing document; The code, the book of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr M McHugh

Mr T Graham

Rev A McNeely

Mr L Brownlee

Mr T Ellison

(Resigned 30 January 2023)

Mr Glen Evans

(Resigned 18 June 2023)

Mr E Hanna

Mr D Milligan

Mr D Parr

Mr M Vallely

Mr W Diffin

Mr S Cardwell

Mr S Thompson

Mr R Cregan

Mr A Graham

Mr D Black

Mr S Strain

Mr S Todd

The Kirk Session

The charity trustees of the congregation are the members of its Kirk Session. Under the congregation's governing document, The Code, the book of 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 congregations. 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 held at monthly/ six weekly intervals.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant on its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session.

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Richhill Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Armagh 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 each congregation.

Organisational structure

The day to day running of the charity is overseen by the trustees.

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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, administration 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.

Other matters

At a congregational meeting on 29/11/23 RPC agreed to appoint the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Holding Trustees Company as the new trustees for RPC, replacing the Armagh Presbytery Education Board.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Mr M McHugh
Trustee

Alan McNeely
Rev A McNeely
Trustee

Date: *27/8/24*

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF RICHHILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Richhill Presbyterian Church (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the statement of financial position, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and regulation 8 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF RICHHILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 65 (2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 66 of that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF RICHHILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and then design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

In identifying and assessing potential risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliances with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- The nature of the industry and sector, control environment and business performance, including the charity's remuneration policies for management committee, bonus levels and performance targets, if any;
- Results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- Any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the charity's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to:
 - Identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instance of non-compliance;
 - Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; and
 - The internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- The matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charity for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud in income recognition. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the charity operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the charity's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Audit response to risks identified

Our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- Enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- Reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing correspondence with tax authorities; and
- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. In addition, as with any audit, there remains a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as they may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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for and on behalf of GMcG PORTADOWN**

27/8/24

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes						
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	398,728	136,025	534,753	317,506	220,021	537,527
Investments	4	999	1,695	2,694	1,696	-	1,696
Other income	5	7,067	2,819	9,886	4,708	5,818	10,526
Total income		<u>406,794</u>	<u>140,539</u>	<u>547,333</u>	<u>323,910</u>	<u>225,839</u>	<u>549,749</u>
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	374,721	106,289	481,010	342,964	184,774	527,738
Total expenditure		<u>374,721</u>	<u>106,289</u>	<u>481,010</u>	<u>342,964</u>	<u>184,774</u>	<u>527,738</u>
Net income		32,073	34,250	66,323	(19,054)	41,065	22,011
Transfers between funds	12	(129,896)	129,896	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	8	(97,823)	164,146	66,323	(19,054)	41,065	22,011
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		1,838,094	308,316	2,146,410	1,857,148	267,251	2,124,399
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		<u>1,740,271</u>	<u>472,462</u>	<u>2,212,733</u>	<u>1,838,094</u>	<u>308,316</u>	<u>2,146,410</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13		1,345,815		1,382,736
Investments	14		1,418		1,418
			<u>1,347,233</u>		<u>1,384,154</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	16	83,458		76,452	
Cash at bank and in hand		786,782		690,424	
		<u>870,240</u>		<u>766,876</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(4,740)		(4,620)	
Net current assets			<u>865,500</u>		<u>762,256</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>2,212,733</u>		<u>2,146,410</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability			<u>2,212,733</u>		<u>2,146,410</u>
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	19		472,462		308,316
Unrestricted funds			1,740,271		1,838,094
			<u>2,212,733</u>		<u>2,146,410</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 27/12/24 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr M McHugh

Mr M McHugh
Trustee

Rev A McNeely

Rev A McNeely
Trustee

RICHHILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	22		96,152		61,222
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(2,488)		(13,638)	
Investment income received		2,694		1,696	
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities			206		(11,942)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			96,358		49,280
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			690,424		641,144
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			<u>786,782</u>		<u>690,424</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Richhill Presbyterian Church is a charity, registered with the Charity Commission in Northern Ireland. Its principal address is 6 Corcreevy Road, Richhill, Co Armagh, BT61 9JR.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by 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 (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income is deferred when it does not meet the criteria for recognition as incoming resources in the Statement of Financial Activities, as entitlement does not exist at the balance sheet date.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature to support them.

Support costs are those functions that assist work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support and other costs have been allocated to charitable activities based on actual usage by that activity.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Land and manse	0%
Church buildings	2% straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	20% reducing balance

No depreciation is charged on the land and manse as it is considered immaterial given the current value of land and property.

1.7 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Fixed Assets

The annual depreciation charge on fixed assets depends primarily on the estimated lives of each type of asset and estimates of residual values. The directors regularly review these assets lives and change them as necessary to reflect current thinking on remaining lives in light of prospective economic utilisation and physical condition of the assets concerned. Changes in assets lives can have a significant impact on depreciation charges for the period. Detail of the useful lives is included in the accounting policies.

Restricted and Unrestricted Funds

Judgements are made in relation to allocation of income and expenditure to restricted and unrestricted funds. The trustees consider it appropriate to allocate these funds based on donations received.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and gifts	121,115	63,607	184,722	57,874	123,763	181,637
Regular direct giving	277,613	72,418	350,031	259,632	96,258	355,890
	<u>398,728</u>	<u>136,025</u>	<u>534,753</u>	<u>317,506</u>	<u>220,021</u>	<u>537,527</u>

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4 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Interest receivable	999	1,695	2,694	1,696	-	1,696

5 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Other incoming resources	4,067	2,819	6,886	1,308	5,818	7,126
Small grants	3,000	-	3,000	3,400	-	3,400
	7,067	2,819	9,886	4,708	5,818	10,526

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Direct costs		
Staff costs	230,602	203,264
Depreciation and impairment	39,409	40,513
Central Ministry Fund	20,048	20,254
Presbyterian Orphan Society	1,604	2,109
Grants to missions and charities	98,180	123,584
Rent and rates	300	300
	390,143	390,024
Share of support and governance costs (see note 7)		
Support	86,037	132,728
Governance	4,830	4,986
	481,010	527,738
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	374,721	342,964
Restricted funds	106,289	184,774
	481,010	527,738

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7 Support costs allocated to activities

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Bank charges	847	590
Worship and fellowship	21,718	24,624
Office costs	21,936	26,955
Property and equipment	14,901	57,422
Utilities	2,735	2,659
Sundries	17,927	14,978
Insurance	5,973	5,500
Governance	4,830	4,986
	<u>90,867</u>	<u>137,714</u>

8 Net movement in funds

	2023 £	2022 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	4,830	4,680
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	39,409	40,513
	<u>44,239</u>	<u>45,193</u>

9 Trustees

During the year the charity's minister, Reverend A McNeely, who is also a trustee, received a stipend with accompanying pension and support payments totalling £67,802 (2022 - £64,096)

None of the other trustees received any remuneration or expenses in the year.

10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

Employment costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	201,955	177,753
Social security costs	13,491	10,976
Other pension costs	15,156	14,535
	<u>230,602</u>	<u>203,264</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

10 Employees (Continued)

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000 is as follows:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Minister	1	1

Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Aggregate compensation	85,906	81,682

11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

12 Transfers

Transfers between unrestricted and restricted funds relates to income in year of £66,250 relating unrestricted donations now reclassified for building fund use.

The trustees took the decision to reclassify Bequest Funds as restricted funds in accordance with the bequests received by the charity and the stipulations attached to the bequests.

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and manse £	Church buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2023	423,017	1,460,783	366,372	2,250,172
Additions	-	-	2,488	2,488
At 31 December 2023	423,017	1,460,783	368,860	2,252,660
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 January 2023	-	550,809	316,627	867,436
Depreciation charged in the year	-	29,216	10,193	39,409
At 31 December 2023	-	580,025	326,820	906,845
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2023	423,017	880,758	42,040	1,345,815
At 31 December 2022	423,017	909,974	49,745	1,382,736

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14 Fixed asset investments

	Unlisted investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2023 & 31 December 2023	1,418
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	1,418
At 31 December 2022	1,418

15 Financial instruments

	2023 £	2022 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	1,418	1,418

16 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	83,458	76,452

17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals and deferred income	4,740	4,620

18 Retirement benefit schemes

	2023 £	2022 £
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	15,156	14,535

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

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19 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Missions Fund	14,121	101,835	(87,897)	-	28,059
Building Fund	260,454	37,135	(12,468)	66,250	351,371
Bequests	-	-	-	63,646	63,646
Bursary Fund	33,526	-	(4,320)	-	29,206
Childrens' Fund	215	1,569	(1,604)	-	180
	<u>308,316</u>	<u>140,539</u>	<u>(106,289)</u>	<u>129,896</u>	<u>472,462</u>

20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
At 31 December 2023:			
Tangible assets	1,345,815	-	1,345,815
Investments	1,418	-	1,418
Current assets/(liabilities)	393,038	472,462	865,500
	<u>1,740,271</u>	<u>472,462</u>	<u>2,212,733</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
At 31 December 2022:			
Tangible assets	1,382,736	-	1,382,736
Investments	1,418	-	1,418
Current assets/(liabilities)	453,940	308,316	762,256
	<u>1,838,094</u>	<u>308,316</u>	<u>2,146,410</u>

21 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).

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22 Cash generated from operations	2023	2022
	£	£
Surplus for the year	66,323	22,011
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(2,694)	(1,696)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	39,409	40,513
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in debtors	(7,006)	(2,666)
Increase in creditors	120	3,060
Cash generated from operations	96,152	61,222

23 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no material debt during the year.