

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC105010

**Mourne Congregation Of The Presbyterian Church In  
Ireland**

**Financial Statements**

**31 December 2023**

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# Mourne Congregation Of The Presbyterian Church In Ireland

## Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2023

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# Mourne Congregation Of The Presbyterian Church In Ireland

## Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2023

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

### Reference and administrative details

<b>Registered charity name</b>	Mourne Congregation Of The Presbyterian Church In Ireland
<b>Charity registration number</b>	NIC105010
<b>Principal office</b>	Greencastle Street Kilkeel Co Down BT34 4BH

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<b>Company secretary</b>	William Turner
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## Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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<b>Auditor</b>	UHY Hacker Young Fitch Limited Chartered accountants & statutory auditor 27-29 Gordon Street Mews Gordon Street Belfast BT1 2LG
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### Structure, governance and management

#### 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 and the ministers in active duty in the congregation, have no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held at least three times in each year or as appropriate. Exceptional meetings were held during the year to deal with issues around church activities and Covid 19 restrictions.

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 by vote either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of the vote.

#### 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. Mourne Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Presbytery of Newry within 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.

# Mourne Congregation Of The Presbyterian Church In Ireland

## Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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### Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

#### 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, administrative 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.

#### Description and Purpose

Mourne 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.

The congregation's mission purposes are by the grace of God, to help people of all ages become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:

- is increasingly characterised by love for God, and love and concern for others;
- is committed to the historic Christian gospel as revealed in the Bible;
- is relevant to people of this time and place.

The congregation aims to live out its Mission and Vision as a family of God's people by being:

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another.
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.
- As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice.

# Mourne Congregation Of The Presbyterian Church In Ireland

## Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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### Objectives and activities

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on several occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds regular bible study and prayer meetings and has a wide range of organisations including;

- Sunday School
- Bible Classes
- Midweek Fellowship Group
- Crèches
- Children's Church
- Sunday Knight Kids
- Youth Fellowship Groups
- Small Group Meetings
- Boys Brigade
- Girls Brigade
- Presbyterian Women
- Mens Fellowship
- Badminton Club
- Youth Club
- Mothers and Toddlers
- Walking Group
- Ladies Bible Study Group

covering all spiritual and operational matters.

### Achievements and performance

#### Worship and prayer

The congregation met for worship each Sunday at 11.30am and 7.00pm. During the week the Bible Study provided an opportunity for members to meet for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer. Live Broadcast services on Sunday mornings and evenings were available online with an average online viewing of 1,750 for the morning and 800 for the evening services. The Trustees acknowledge and thank the Media Team for their dedication and expertise in providing this service. The midweek prayer meeting and bible study was held on Thursday evenings with an average attendance of 70 people. Full members classes were held in the Spring 24 people were admitted to The Lord's Table for the first time and 4 persons were received on transfer from other congregations. There were 15 infant baptisms and infant dedications, 5 adult baptisms, 10 weddings and 34 funeral services. At 31 December 2023 there were 595 communicant members and 1,004 families connected with the congregation. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was served at evening worship in January and morning worship in May and November. The average weekly attendance at worship was 770 in the morning and 370 in the evening. The Trustees are very grateful to the 180 Band, Organist, Praise Band, musicians and choir who led worship throughout the year. Many have been blessed through their ministry. Monthly services also took place in Brackney Hall except for the summer months.

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## Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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### Achievements and performance *(continued)*

#### **Pastoral care**

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age were visited by the minister, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors. Mr Ellis Hanna joined us as a Student Assistant part time.

#### **Mission and outreach**

The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. 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, assists with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregations in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

The congregation also supports the work of the Student Christian Organisation of Malawi and various projects relating to the work of The David Gordon Memorial Hospital in Livingstonia, Malawi, with a particular focus on supporting the very poor and vulnerable members of the area.

The congregation supports various local charities including The Fishermen's Mission, The Southern Area Hospice, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Mourne Stimulus, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Belfast City Mission, Prison Fellowship, The Royal British Legion, The RNLI and The Presbyterian Children's Society. The congregation also supports, both financially and prayerfully, members of our fellowship who decide to do short or long-term service with mission focused organisations. Members who undertake study to prepare them for service both at home and overseas also receive support from the congregation.

#### **Presbytery**

The congregation was represented at meetings of Presbytery by our minister and two of the elders. This provides an important link between the congregations and the wider structures of the church.

#### **General Assembly**

The minister and two of our elders were nominated to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The General Assembly of 2023 was held in June.

#### **Property**

During 2023 the inside of the Meeting House was painted and general maintenance was provided.

#### **Organisations -**

Sunday School and Bible Classes met on Sunday mornings with an average attendance of over 250.

Sunday Knight Kids met monthly with an average attendance of 30.

Baby and Children's Crèche were held each Sunday morning. Attendance varied.

The Youth Fellowship groups met in the halls each Sunday evening with a combined average attendance of 120. The Girls' Brigade met on Tuesday evenings with a varied programme of games, crafts, cooking and Bible Study. No parents' evening was held this year but the GB organised a Christmas concert for parents. There are around 200 members plus officers and helpers.

The Mother and Toddler Group met on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am to 11.00am. Over 75 children are registered as members from throughout the community.

The Boys Brigade met on Wednesday evenings with a varied programme of sports, crafts games and bible study. No Parents evening was held March. There are around 200 members plus leaders and helpers.

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### **Achievements and performance** *(continued)*

The Badminton Club met on Wednesday evenings.

The Presbyterian Women's Group met on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month and held a Presbyterian Women's Service in March.

The Men's Fellowship met two times each month from September to May.

English Classes for people from other countries living in our community were held this year on a Monday evening.

The Saturday Club met from January to March and September to December.

Small group Bible studies were held in the church halls throughout the year.

The Walking Club organised a several walks this year.

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. They also thank our caretakers for the excellent work in cleaning and maintaining the church properties.

### **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). A team of volunteers was also established to do messages for those living in isolation during the period of Lockdown.

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 via informal, 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 Commissions public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

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## Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

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### Financial review

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 701 (2022 - 703) contributors during the year, donating a total of £259,198 (2022- £239,462).

Total income during the year was £569,271, compared to £567,881 in the previous year.

Total expenditure for the year amounted to £533,604 (2022 - £498,650). The increase in costs was due to the increase in organisational and general activity.

Net income recorded totalled £37,230 (2022 - £66,487).

### Going Concern

The activities of the congregation are dependent on ongoing contributions from its members. The Trustees are of the opinion that the congregation has sufficient resources at the date of approval of these financial statements to meet commitments which will arise in the year from the date of signing this report and subject to the continuing support from members to fund on an ongoing basis the congregation's current activities and other financial commitments.

### 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 three month's normal expenditure. At the year-end unrestricted reserves were £841,673 (2022 - £785,420) which represents a higher level of reserves. The Trustees however, consider it prudent to hold reserves at this level as the funding of its present activities is dependent on the ongoing financial support of members.

### Risk Review

A review of major risks has been undertaken by the Trustees and systems and procedures implemented to manage identified risks. The principal risks are in relation to the likelihood of reputational damage and financial risks associated with the expectation of ongoing financial support from members. These risks are mitigated by the Trustees, and the Congregational Committee, regularly monitoring of the various activities of the congregation at stated meetings and by encouraging members in their regular giving.

### Trustees' responsibilities statement

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 charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each 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 period.

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 applicable Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

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- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and 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. 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.

The trustees' annual report was approved on .....<sup>23/5/24</sup>..... and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

  
.....  
Rev William Bingham  
Trustee

  
.....  
William Turner  
Trustee

**MOURNE CONGREGATION OF THE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE  
MEMBERS OF MOURNE CONGREGATION OF  
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Mourne Congregation of the Presbyterian Church In Ireland (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of 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, including its income and expenditure 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 Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and in other respects the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

**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 Auditors' 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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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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## **MOURNE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MOURNE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND (CONTINUED)**

#### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' 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, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, 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.

#### **Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the Charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements 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.

## MOURNE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MOURNE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND (CONTINUED)

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 liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

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 Auditors' 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.

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:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

The engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations. As part of the audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) we exercised professional judgement and maintained professional scepticism throughout the audit. We identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with directors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the sector and we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including but not limited to taxation legislation and data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud and considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations. We obtained an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that were appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the Company's internal controls.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships; tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions and assess the risk of management override of controls; evaluated the appropriateness of accounting policies used, including managements' use of the going concern basis of accounting, and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management; and investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included but were not limited to agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation; reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

**MOURNE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MOURNE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND (CONTINUED)**

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the Charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. 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 Auditors' 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 its trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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**Michael Fitch (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

for and on behalf of  
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Date: 23/5/24.

# Mourne Congregation Of The Presbyterian Church In Ireland

## Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	2023			2022	
		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	
<b>Income and endowments</b>						
Donations and legacies	4	328,535	156,876	–	485,411	511,429
Charitable activities	5	1,178	46,309	–	47,487	39,838
Investment income	6	32,019	1,677	–	33,696	13,884
Other income	7	2,084	2,000	–	4,084	2,730
<b>Total income</b>		<u>363,816</u>	<u>206,862</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>570,678</u>	<u>567,881</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	296,452	237,152	–	533,604	498,650
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>296,452</u>	<u>237,152</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>533,604</u>	<u>498,650</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	11	(296)	–	(1,267)	(1,563)	2,744
<b>Net income</b>		<u>67,660</u>	<u>(30,290)</u>	<u>1,267</u>	<u>38,637</u>	<u>66,487</u>
Transfers between funds		(10,000)	10,000	–	–	–
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>57,660</u>	<u>(20,290)</u>	<u>1,267</u>	<u>38,637</u>	<u>66,487</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>						
Total funds brought forward		785,420	1,486,590	100,011	2,372,021	2,305,534
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>843,080</u>	<u>1,466,300</u>	<u>101,278</u>	<u>2,410,658</u>	<u>2,372,021</u>

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

The notes on pages 18 to 33 form part of these financial statements.

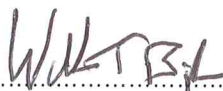
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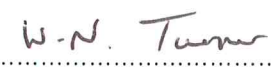
## Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	15	1,262,469	1,266,805
Investments	16	141,677	140,113
		<u>1,404,146</u>	<u>1,406,918</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	17	92,049	81,944
Cash at bank and in hand		955,556	927,377
		<u>1,047,605</u>	<u>1,009,321</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	18	<u>21,093</u>	<u>22,218</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>1,026,512</u>	<u>987,103</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>2,430,658</u>	<u>2,394,021</u>
<b>Provisions</b>	19	<u>20,000</u>	<u>22,000</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>2,410,658</u>	<u>2,372,021</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
Endowment funds		101,278	100,011
Restricted funds		1,466,300	1,486,590
Unrestricted funds		843,080	785,420
<b>Total charity funds</b>	21	<u>2,410,658</u>	<u>2,372,021</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 23/5/24....., and are signed on behalf of the board by:

  
.....  
Rev William Bingham  
Trustee

  
.....  
William Turner  
Trustee

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## Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net income	38,637	66,487
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	6,136	5,466
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(1,563)	2,744
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(10,019)	(10,017)
Other interest receivable and similar income	(23,677)	(3,867)
Accrued (income)/expenses	(192)	1,543
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Trade and other debtors	(3,429)	(11,674)
Trade and other creditors	(934)	751
Provisions	(2,000)	(2,000)
Cash generated from operations	2,959	49,433
Interest received	17,001	3,880
Net cash from operating activities	19,960	53,313
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	10,019	10,017
Purchase of tangible assets	(1,800)	(6,151)
Net cash from investing activities	8,219	3,866
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	28,179	57,179
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>	927,377	870,198
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	955,556	927,377

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# Mourne Congregation Of The Presbyterian Church In Ireland

## Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2023

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### 1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in Northern Ireland and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 17 Main Road, Ballymartin, Kilkeel, Newry, Co Down, BT34 4NU.

### 2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

### 3. Accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment property measured at fair value through income & expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Mourne Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

#### Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue. The Trustees have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. To ensure this, the charity has a reserves policy to develop and maintain unrestricted reserves equivalent to 12 months incoming resources without prejudicing the ongoing activities of the organisation.

#### Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

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 received 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.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

#### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Where the Trustees make a transfer of funds from general funds to a restricted fund, the charity reserves the right to transfer the unrestricted element of that fund into general reserves at any time in the future.

#### **Incoming resources**

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

# Mourne Congregation Of The Presbyterian Church In Ireland

## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

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### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

#### Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

#### Tangible assets

Tangible assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

Cost includes the original purchase price, costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to its working condition for its intended use, dismantling and restoration costs.

The Charity have utilised FRS 102 transitional rules for property and have included all property in use by the charity at the date of transition to FRS 102 at deemed cost, being the fair value of the properties at that time.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or deemed cost of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Church Property	- No depreciation as residual values in excess of cost
Fixtures & Fittings	- 10%-25% straight line

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. The effect of any change is accounted for prospectively.

#### Investments

Unlisted equity investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently measured at fair value. If fair value cannot be reliably measured, assets are measured at cost less impairment.

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in income or expenditure.

# Mourne Congregation Of The Presbyterian Church In Ireland

## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

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### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

#### Investment property

Investment property is revalued to its fair value at each reporting date and any changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss.

#### Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the entity has an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that the entity will be required to transfer economic benefits in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably. Provisions are recognised as a liability in the statement of financial position and the amount of the provision as an expense.

Provisions are initially measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date and subsequently reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate of the amount that would be required to settle the obligation. Any adjustments to the amounts previously recognised are recognised in income or expenditure unless the provision was originally recognised as part of the cost of an asset. When a provision is measured at the present value of the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation, the unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost in the statement of financial activities in the period it arises, and is allocated to the appropriate expenditure heading.

#### Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### Defined contribution plans

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

### 4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Donations</b>			
Free Will Offering	259,198	–	259,198
Gift Aid	48,304	–	48,304
Loose collections	13,513	–	13,513
Stipend	3,021	–	3,021
District collections	274	–	274
Small donations scheme	2,000	149	2,149
Sunday school	–	905	905
Livingstonia	–	64,156	64,156
Missions Home & Abroad	–	51,212	51,212
Mid-week offering	–	5,220	5,220
Mission boxes	–	1,283	1,283
Property fund	–	3,228	3,228
Orphan society	–	9,533	9,533
PW Harvest appeal	–	3,562	3,562
Belfast City Mission	–	4,681	4,681
Fisherman Service	–	1,068	1,068
Mission Committee	–	11,055	11,055
Moderators Appeal	–	189	189
Students Bursary	–	–	–
Other donations	2,225	635	2,860
	<u>328,535</u>	<u>156,876</u>	<u>485,411</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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### 4. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>Donations</b>			
Free Will Offering	239,462	–	239,462
Gift Aid	43,916	–	43,916
Loose collections	10,647	–	10,648
Stipend	2,768	–	2,768
District collections	176	–	176
Small donations scheme	2,006	–	2,006
Sunday school	–	810	810
Livingstonia	–	90,351	90,351
Missions Home & Abroad	–	51,788	51,788
Mid-week offering	–	4,452	4,452
Mission boxes	–	1,692	1,692
Property fund	–	2,306	2,306
Orphan society	–	9,786	9,786
PW Harvest appeal	–	3,263	3,263
Belfast City Mission	–	5,785	5,785
Fisherman Service	–	1,404	1,404
Mission Committee	–	4,375	4,375
Moderators Appeal	–	33,568	33,568
Students Bursary	–	116	116
Other donations	1,336	1,421	2,757
	<u>300,311</u>	<u>211,117</u>	<u>511,429</u>

### 5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Church Magazines	1,178	–	1,178
Mourne Presbyterian Women	–	8,339	8,339
Mourne Boys Brigade	–	19,498	19,498
Mourne Girls Brigade	–	10,441	10,441
Mourne Youth Council	–	3,000	3,000
Mourne Youth Fellowship	–	3,593	3,593
Saturday Club	–	290	290
Rainbows	–	1,148	1,148
	<u>1,178</u>	<u>46,309</u>	<u>47,487</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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### 5. Charitable activities *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Church Magazines	1,015	–	1,015
Mourne Presbyterian Women	–	5,215	5,215
Mourne Boys Brigade	–	3,684	3,684
Mourne Girls Brigade	–	9,133	9,133
Mourne Youth Council	–	(2,240)	(2,240)
Mourne Youth Fellowship	–	22,247	22,247
Rainbows	–	784	784
	<u>1,015</u>	<u>38,823</u>	<u>39,838</u>

### 6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income from investment properties	10,019	–	10,019
Bank interest receivable	21,930	490	22,420
Other investment income- dividends	70	1,187	1,257
	<u>32,019</u>	<u>1,677</u>	<u>33,696</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from investment properties	10,017	–	10,017
Bank interest receivable	2,502	164	2,666
Other investment income- dividends	72	1,129	1,201
	<u>12,591</u>	<u>1,293</u>	<u>13,884</u>

### 7. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Youth Hall - reduction in provision	–	2,000	2,000
Other income & unrepresented cheque	407	–	407
Grave fees	160	–	160
Photocopier	17	–	17
Use of Hall	50	–	50
Radio Ulster Broadcast Service	250	–	250
Energy Support Payment	1,200	–	1,200
	<u>2,084</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>4,084</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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### 7. Other income *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Youth Hall - reduction in provision	–	2,000	2,000
Grave fees	730	–	730
	<u>730</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,730</u>

### 8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Advancing Christianity	153,266	237,138	<b>390,404</b>
Support costs	143,186	14	<b>143,200</b>
	<u>296,452</u>	<u>237,152</u>	<u><b>533,604</b></u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Advancing Christianity	153,259	220,638	373,896
Support costs	124,742	10	124,754
	<u>278,001</u>	<u>220,648</u>	<u>498,650</u>

### 9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2023 £	Total fund 2022 £
Advancing Christianity	390,404	133,190	<b>523,594</b>	489,691
Governance costs	–	10,010	<b>10,010</b>	8,959
	<u>390,404</u>	<u>143,200</u>	<u><b>533,604</b></u>	<u>498,650</u>

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### 10. Analysis of support costs

	Advancing Christianity £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Staff costs	33,867	33,867	31,194
Premises	79,503	79,503	60,228
General office	5,791	5,791	5,336
Finance costs	498	498	381
Governance costs	10,010	10,010	8,959
Depreciation	6,136	6,136	5,466
Support costs - Other congregational costs	7,395	7,395	7,550
Support costs - Dr McGaughey Memorial	-	-	5,640
	<u>143,200</u>	<u>143,200</u>	<u>124,754</u>

### 11. Net gains/(losses) on investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	<u>296</u>	<u>1,267</u>	<u>1,563</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	<u>(293)</u>	<u>(2,451)</u>	<u>(2,744)</u>

### 12. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	6,136	5,466
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>3,840</u>	<u>3,600</u>

### 13. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	94,539	89,156
Social security costs	7,076	6,976
Employer contributions to pension plans	<u>13,363</u>	<u>12,688</u>
	<u>114,978</u>	<u>108,820</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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### 13. Staff costs *(continued)*

The average head count of employees during the year was 5 (2022: 5). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2023 No.	2022 No.
Minister	1	1
Ministry support	1	1
Maintenance	2	2
Other	1	1
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

### 14. Trustee remuneration and expenses

The Minister of the congregation, Rev William Bingham, is also a trustee. Rev Bingham received remuneration of £53,175 (2022 - £50,643) and expenses (including car allowance & mileage) of £9,094 (2022 - £7,821) in his capacity as the Minister of the congregation. Pension contribution of £12,762 (2022 - £12,154) were also paid to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Pension Scheme (2009) in respect of Rev Bingham.

No other trustees received any remuneration and no other trustees claimed any expenses during the year in connection with their duties.

### 15. Tangible fixed assets

	Church Property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 January 2023	1,235,000	111,405	1,346,405
Additions	–	1,800	1,800
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<u>1,235,000</u>	<u>113,205</u>	<u>1,348,205</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 January 2023	–	79,600	79,600
Charge for the year	–	6,136	6,136
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<u>–</u>	<u>85,736</u>	<u>85,736</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<u>1,235,000</u>	<u>27,469</u>	<u>1,262,469</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>1,235,000</u>	<u>31,805</u>	<u>1,266,805</u>

Church Property includes all properties owned and occupied by the Charity in Advancement of Christianity and includes the Mourne Presbyterian Church building, Graveyard, Halls, Youth Centre, Apartment and Manse.

Church Property was recognised in the financial statements using a fair value valuation as deemed cost on transition to SORP 2015 (FRS 102).

# Mourne Congregation Of The Presbyterian Church In Ireland

## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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### 15. Tangible fixed assets *(continued)*

The valuation was performed by independent external valuers, Osborne King, as at 31st December 2015, on the basis of Fair Value. Fair Value being the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable, willing parties on an arm's length basis in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (FRS 102) and the Charities SORP 2015 (SORP 2015).

Given the nature of the properties and the high level of on-going maintenance to which they are subject, no depreciation is applied to Church Property. The residual value of Church Property is considered to be at least equal to the deemed cost of the property.

Due to the age and nature of Church property it was not possible to reliably state the historic cost of Church property.

Fixtures & fittings are recorded a depreciated historical cost.

### 16. Investments

	Listed investments £	Investment properties £	Other investments £	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>				
At 1 January 2023	36,838	100,000	3,275	<b>140,113</b>
Additions	—	—	—	—
Fair value movements	1,267	—	297	<b>1,564</b>
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<u>38,105</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>3,572</u>	<u><b>141,677</b></u>
<b>Impairment</b>				
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	—	—	—	—
<b>Carrying amount</b>				
At 31 December 2023	<u>38,105</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>3,572</u>	<u><b>141,677</b></u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>36,838</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>3,275</u>	<u>140,113</u>

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

#### Investment properties

Investment property at Greencastle Street, Killeel has been included in the financial statements at fair value.

The property was valued by Osborne King. Osborne King were independent valuers, qualified under the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, possessing relevant experience in the area. The valuation was on the basis of Fair Value, as at 31st December 2015.

Fair Value is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable, willing parties on an arm's length basis in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (FRS 102) and the Charities SORP 2015 (SORP 2015).

The Trustees consider the fair value of this property at the year end not to be materially different from the professional valuation dated 31 December 2015.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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### 16. Investments *(continued)*

#### Financial assets held at fair value

Both listed and other investments are recorded at their fair value at the balance sheet date.

The fair value of the listed investments and the general investment fund are determined by reference to the quoted price for identical assets in an active market at the balance sheet date.

### 17. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	22,765	13,493
Other debtors	69,284	68,451
	<u>92,049</u>	<u>81,944</u>

### 18. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,857	2,904
Accruals and deferred income	18,367	18,559
Social security and other taxes	869	755
	<u>21,093</u>	<u>22,218</u>

### 19. Provisions

	Youth Hall
	£
At 1 January 2023	22,000
Annual ownership movement	(2,000)
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<b><u>20,000</u></b>

Construction of the Youth Hall at Greencastle Street, Kilkeel was a joint project between Mourne Presbyterian Church and a third-party government funder.

Under the agreement between the parties, Mourne Presbyterian Church's percentage ownership of the Youth Hall increases annually with the passing of time, until it will own 100% of the asset. As the full value of the asset has been reflected within the fixed asset, a provision recognising the government funder's interest in the asset has been recorded.

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### 20. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

#### Pension contributions

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £13,363 (2022: £12,688).

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered Fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amounted to £601 (2022 - £534). Contributions totalling £138 (2022 - £127) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

The minister (and 2018 Associate Minister) of the congregation is a member of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Pension Scheme (2009). This is a scheme operated by the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, a separate registered charity. The congregation pays an assessment to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland equivalent to the employer's pension contributions for the Scheme and based on the stipend paid to the minister.

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland Pension Scheme (2009) is a funded Scheme of the defined benefit type, providing defined benefits based on career average revalued salary. The Scheme has assets held in a separately administered fund managed by a board of trustees. The Presbyterian Church and the Scheme Trustees have agreed a funding plan to ensure the Scheme is sufficiently funded to meet current and future obligations. A formal schedule of contributions was drawn whereby the Presbyterian Church agreed to pay contributions of 24% of pensionable salaries to cover the accrual of benefits for future service, expenses, the cost of insuring death in service benefits and funding the scheme deficit.

During the year the charity made payments of £12,762 (2022 - £12,154) to the fund. There were no contributions outstanding at the balance sheet date in the current or prior year.

### 21. Analysis of charitable funds

#### Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>785,420</u>	<u>363,816</u>	<u>(296,452)</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>296</u>	<u>843,080</u>

	At 1 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	At 31 Dec 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>765,292</u>	<u>314,647</u>	<u>(278,001)</u>	<u>(16,225)</u>	<u>(293)</u>	<u>785,420</u>

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### 21. Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

Restricted funds	At 1 Jan	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and	At 31 Dec
	2023				losses	2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Church Buildings	1,213,000	2,000	–	–	–	1,215,000
Investment Properties	100,000	–	–	–	–	100,000
Belfast City Mission	5,785	4,681	(5,785)	–	–	4,681
Livingstonia Fund	64,802	64,156	(91,082)	1,000	–	38,876
Missions Home & Abroad	27,969	51,212	(49,687)	–	–	29,494
Orphan Society	1,769	9,532	(9,534)	–	–	1,767
PW Harvest Appeal	497	3,562	–	(3,466)	–	593
Mid Week Offering	1,884	5,220	(5,365)	–	–	1,739
Property Fund	10,415	3,228	–	–	–	13,643
Mission Boxes	1,141	837	(1,000)	–	–	978
Fishermans Service	–	1,068	(1,068)	–	–	–
Earl Haig	–	635	(635)	–	–	–
Moderator's Appeal	5,511	189	(5,700)	–	–	–
Newell Bequest Income	1,160	1,283	(1,265)	–	–	1,178
Sunday School Offering	736	905	(700)	–	–	941
Student Bursary	–	–	–	–	–	–
Mission Committee	–	11,055	(8,305)	(1,000)	–	1,750
Mourne Presbyterian Women	32,929	9,302	(11,038)	(1,534)	–	29,659
Boys Brigade	6,370	19,509	(31,158)	9,276	–	3,997
Girls Brigade	4,806	10,444	(5,145)	(8,276)	–	1,829
Mourne Youth Council	40	3,006	(6,485)	10,000	–	6,561
Junior Youth Fellowship	4,285	3,597	(1,841)	4,000	–	10,041
MPC Choir	318	–	(224)	–	–	94
Monday Club	470	–	(30)	–	–	440
Thursday Club	92	–	(8)	–	–	84
Saturday Club	1,690	292	(16)	–	–	1,966
Rainbows	234	1,148	(1,051)	–	–	331
Badminton	687	1	(30)	–	–	658
	<u>1,486,590</u>	<u>206,862</u>	<u>(237,152)</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>1,466,300</u>

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### 21. Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

	At 1 Jan 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2022 £
Church Buildings	1,211,000	2,000	–	–	–	1,213,000
Investment Properties	100,000	–	–	–	–	100,000
Belfast City Mission	8,370	5,785	(8,370)	–	–	5,785
Livingstonia Fund	22,966	90,352	(48,516)	–	–	64,802
Missions Home & Abroad	18,583	51,788	(42,402)	–	–	27,969
Orphan Society	1,730	9,786	(9,747)	–	–	1,769
PW Harvest Appeal	602	3,263	–	(3,368)	–	497
Mid Week Offering	1,607	4,452	(4,175)	–	–	1,884
Property Fund	8,109	2,306	–	–	–	10,415
Mission Boxes	1,259	882	(1,000)	–	–	1,141
Fishermans Service	–	1,404	(1,404)	–	–	–
Earl Haig	90	1,421	(1,511)	–	–	–
Moderator's Appeal	–	33,568	(28,057)	–	–	5,511
Newell Bequest Income	1,246	1,225	(1,311)	–	–	1,160
Sunday School Offering	526	810	(600)	–	–	736
Student Bursary	–	115	(115)	–	–	–
Mission Committee	625	4,375	(10,450)	5,450	–	–
Mourne Presbyterian Women	33,577	6,067	(10,083)	3,368	–	32,929
Boys Brigade	6,186	3,690	(3,506)	–	–	6,370
Girls Brigade	2,596	9,135	(6,925)	–	–	4,806
Mourne Youth Council	5,694	(2,237)	(11,817)	8,400	–	40
Junior Youth Fellowship	9,218	22,259	(29,567)	2,375	–	4,285
MPC Choir	388	–	(70)	–	–	318
Monday Club	500	–	(30)	–	–	470
Thursday Club	100	–	(8)	–	–	92
Saturday Club	1,964	2	(276)	–	–	1,690
Rainbows	128	784	(678)	–	–	234
Badminton	716	1	(30)	–	–	687
	<u>1,437,780</u>	<u>253,233</u>	<u>(220,648)</u>	<u>16,225</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>1,486,590</u>

<b>Endowment funds</b>	At 1 Jan 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2023 £
Newell Bequest Endowment	<u>100,011</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>1,267</u>	<u>101,278</u>

	At 1 Jan 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 Dec 2022 £
Newell Bequest Endowment	<u>102,462</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(2,451)</u>	<u>100,011</u>

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### 22. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	27,469	1,235,000	–	1,262,469
Investments	3,572	100,000	38,105	141,677
Current assets	833,132	151,300	63,173	1,047,605
Creditors less than 1 year	(21,093)	–	–	(21,093)
Provisions	–	(20,000)	–	(20,000)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>843,080</b>	<b>1,466,300</b>	<b>101,278</b>	<b>2,410,658</b>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	31,805	1,235,000	–	1,266,805
Investments	3,275	100,000	36,838	140,113
Current assets	772,558	173,590	63,173	1,009,321
Creditors less than 1 year	(22,218)	–	–	(22,218)
Provisions	–	(22,000)	–	(22,000)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>785,420</b>	<b>1,486,590</b>	<b>100,011</b>	<b>2,372,021</b>

### 23. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Jan 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 Dec 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	927,377	28,179	955,556

### 24. Related parties, trustee remuneration and expenses

The Minister, Rev William Bingham is considered to be key management personnel of the charity. Total remuneration paid to Rev Bingham by way of his employment with the Church is detailed in Note 15.

Rev William Bingham occupied residential church property at Manse Road, Kilkeel (The Manse) in his role as Minister of the congregation. Rev. Bingham was not charged rent for use of this property.

During the year the charity donated £6,000 (2022 - £7,000) to Gary Bingham (a trustee) in support of his work the Belfast City Mission.