

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC105045

**Bangor West Congregation  
Of The Presbyterian Church In Ireland  
Financial Statements  
31 December 2022**

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## **Financial Statements**

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**Trustees' Annual Report**

**Year ended 31 December 2022**

The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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## Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2022

### Reference and administrative details

**Registered charity name** Bangor West Congregation Of The Presbyterian Church In Ireland  
**Charity registration number** NIC105045  
**Principal office** 91 Crawfordsburn Road  
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BT19 1BG

### The trustees

Mrs C Bell  
Dr. M Bennett  
Mr D Boland  
Mr L Conway  
Mr J Eves  
Mr H Fulton  
Mrs J Fulton  
Mr I Gilkeson  
Mr B Knox  
Mr J Logan (Retired 1 April 2022)  
Mr I McAleer  
Mr R McAvoy  
Mrs G McAvoy  
Rev C McMullen  
Mr B Moorhead  
Miss H Neill  
Mr D Polley  
Mr B Richardson  
Mrs J Richardson (Retired 1 September 2022)  
Mr D Riddell (Retired 1 February 2022)  
Mr I Robinson  
Mr R Robinson  
Mr R Scott  
Mr P Shiels  
Mrs H Thompson  
Mr A Ward  
Mr T Warwick  
Mr D Wilson  
Mr G Carleton  
Mrs K Crockford  
Mr G Hall  
Mr M Harding  
Mrs R Morrison  
Mrs C Ritchie  
Mrs B Crawford  
Mr T Crawford  
Mrs S Ferguson  
Mr T Hinds  
Miss M Kelly  
Mrs I Moore  
Mrs E Neilly  
Rev Dr C Dickson (Appointed 25 February 2022)

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## **Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 December 2022**

**Auditor**

**Muir & Addy Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor  
427 Hollywood Road  
Belfast  
BT4 2LT**

**Bankers**

**Danske Bank  
Donegall Square West  
Belfast  
BT1 6JS**

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### **Structure, governance and management**

West Presbyterian Church is part of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and as such is governed by its constitution. Full details of its constitution are contained in 'The Code; The book of the Constitution and Government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland' published by the Authority of the General Assembly. The Code can be viewed on-line on the PCI website.

Within the local Church the ruling body is the Kirk Session, which is made up of elected elders who work together with the Minister in 'the oversight and government of the congregation, for the up-building of God's people in spiritual fruitfulness and holy concord, and for the extension of Christ's Kingdom among all people'. The Kirk Session meets approximately 10 times per year, and is attended by elders and staff members are invited to join the deliberations.

West Church is a single church with two sites : the main site is on the Rathmore Road in Bangor and the other on Drumhirk Drive, Kilcooley. There is one Kirk Session and one Congregational Committee with both sites having elected representation on each body.

The Elders of the Church are also the Charity Trustees of the Church. This change came into place with the formal registration of the church as an individual charity with the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland. The registration number for the church is NIC105045. The Kirk Session oversees the work of seven Action Teams, each of which leads and develops the main mission of the church. The Teams are :

Discipleship  
Kilcooley  
Mission  
Outreach  
Pastoral Care  
Youth and Children  
Worship and prayer

The membership is made up both of elders and other members of the West-Kilcooley congregation. Each Team is co-convened by a member of Staff and an elder. The Staff Team meets on a weekly basis and ensures the co-ordination of the work and coherence around the aims of the church. This arrangement enables a more effective use of the time at Session meetings; a more wide-angled view of the whole of church life for Session members, and a more distributed leadership team that garners fresh expertise and helps develop new leadership talent. During 2022, the Action Teams each prepared a development plan which set out their respective priorities for the year. For the first time they have also been asked to submit a budget. The plans were approved in principle by the Kirk Session subject to a review by the Staff Team to ensure coherence and scope. Action team Convenors report to Session on key matters for decision and on key developments.

A Congregational Committee is in place to administer the temporal affairs of the congregation; these responsibilities are delegated to the Committee by the Kirk Session, which retains the overall responsibility as the Charity Trustees. All of the Elders can sit on the Church Committee but for practical purposes a small number has agreed to attend on a regular basis.

Among the other duties that have been delegated to Committee by Kirk Session are:

- \* the administration of all funds belonging to the congregation;
- \* the administration of all the property of the congregation, its maintenance and insurance;
- \* the oversight of the use of any part of the church premises;
- \* the implementation of health and safety regulations;

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- \* hospitality and catering;
- \* the appointment, support and training of staff and volunteers; and
- \* communication with the members and the wider community through digital and written media.

During the course of 2022, elections for a new committee were held. Twelve members were elected including two existing members. The following sub-groups have been formed, each with approval to co-opt a number of other members of the congregation:

- Property
- Human Resources
- Finance
- Communications
- Catering & Hospitality

Each of these groups is using the significant expertise of their members to make a positive contribution to the work of the church across both sites.

### **Objectives and activities**

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures, 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 Activities of the Church include:

- West Church holds five services of worship each Sunday and a range of other activities mid-week. All are open to anyone of appropriate age and/or gender whether or not they are members of our congregation. Our fundamental purpose is 'To Serve Christ and to Serve Others.'
- West Church, like any Christian Church places a strong emphasis on prayer - prayer for our own members, our local community, our social, civic and political leaders and the worldwide Christian Church and its associated charitable organisations.

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### **Achievements and performance**

#### **Overview**

During 2022, there has been a strong focus both on the building back of our work and the development of new ministries, while always remaining faithful to our motto of "Serving Christ, Serving Others". The lifting of the Covid restrictions and the enhanced staff team also enabled the development of outreach work in Kilcooley. We are hugely grateful to God for the contact maintained with members during the dark days of Covid, through the telephoning of elders and church visitors, through Life Groups (our small prayer and Bible Study Groups) and through the tireless work of our Pastoral staff as they sought to draw alongside members especially those suffering illness, trauma and bereavement. We also believe that through the prayerful support of our members God has encouraged us in many ways over the past year.

The numbers attending Sunday services gradually increased over the course of the year as did those at J club and Young West. Although we are not back at the pre-Covid levels, the smaller numbers have enabled in some instances, a greater focus on trusting relationships, fellowship and discipleship. We also held a well-attended seminar on the theme of "Where is God In a suffering world?"

There has been a review of our pastoral care work following the extensive telephone arrangements that were in place during COVID. This review is on-going.

The re-establishing of a children's Easter Mission on the Rathmore Road and a special outreach youth event on the Kilcooley Site, along with the return to helping with school assemblies and the acceptance of new invitations to participate in class and school assemblies at Kilcooley School, has been encouraging. West accepted an invitation to sit on the Governing Body of Kilcooley Primary School and to help with a local parents' group. A community Christmas event on each of the sites brought increased numbers and opportunities to link in particular, with new families.

An in-person Alpha Course and a Freedom in Christ Course were held during the year.

West Church's acceptance as a partner church with Christians Against Poverty, has led to the appointment and training of a debt coach and the appointment and training of teams to lead a Money Course and a Life Skills Course.

The work in Kilcooley that has been established through our mission and outreach worker includes a range of good working relationships with a number of community, educational, and social workers; some of the manifestations of this work include the distribution of 72 Christmas hampers and a community provisions cupboard in conjunction with Storehouse, and the participation in various community groups and events. The church itself established a warm hub, a parenting programme, a mums and tots group and a monthly Kilcooley Kids Church. The opportunity in 2021 to work alongside a community group to provide an After School Club for year 7 children has continued and in September, it was extended to a new church programme for year 8 children.

The Rathmore premises continue to be used by the YMCA in conjunction with the local Rathmore Primary School for an after school club. The Church also continues to be used by the local health clinic as a centre for flu and Coronavirus vaccinations.

The members of West and Kilcooley raised a significant amount of money (£24k including Gift Aid) in support of the Presbyterian Moderator's Appeal for support in Ukraine while also meeting our target of honour in support of the work of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland through the United Appeal for Mission; members raised a further £27K with pledges for another £28K, to support a church building programme and youth workers' salary in a church in Cali, Colombia where West Church has had significant links over many years.

#### **Staffing**

During 2022 a number of new staff took up posts

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- Rev. Dr Colin Dickson (associate minister) : April 2022
- Ms Clare Watton (mission & outreach worker): June 2022
- Mrs Roz Shillaker (temporary Children's worker) : December 2022

### **Financial review**

The net incoming resources for all aspects of church life amounted to £700,907. This comprises £454,757 of incoming resources attributable to unrestricted reserves and £246,150 attributable to restricted reserves. We are grateful to God and the generosity of the congregation for the increased levels of contributions. In total expenditure exceeded income by £33,403.

The committee aim to hold sufficient cash reserves to fund the church's expenditure for a minimum of three months.

### **Plans for future periods**

We are blessed as a congregation to have been able with God's help to sustain our work and ministry throughout the pandemic and now, through a cost of living crisis. Our main mission is, in our fragmented society, to point people to the freedom from fear and negativity and to the hope that is at the heart of the Christian gospel.

All of what we do continues to be underpinned by our aim to 'Serve Christ and Serve Others'. In practice this means helping our members grow and mature in faith, supporting and ministering to one another, and reaching out with a mission to share the hope and love of Jesus. We move forward in that aim in God's strength and look to Him to guide us in our vision for the future and as we seek to expand our witness in partnership with those in the West Bangor and Kilcooley.

### **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;
- 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.

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## Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2022

The trustees' annual report was approved on 24 April 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr L Conway  
Trustee



Mr J Eves  
Trustee